

# Machine learning in Astronomy and Cosmology

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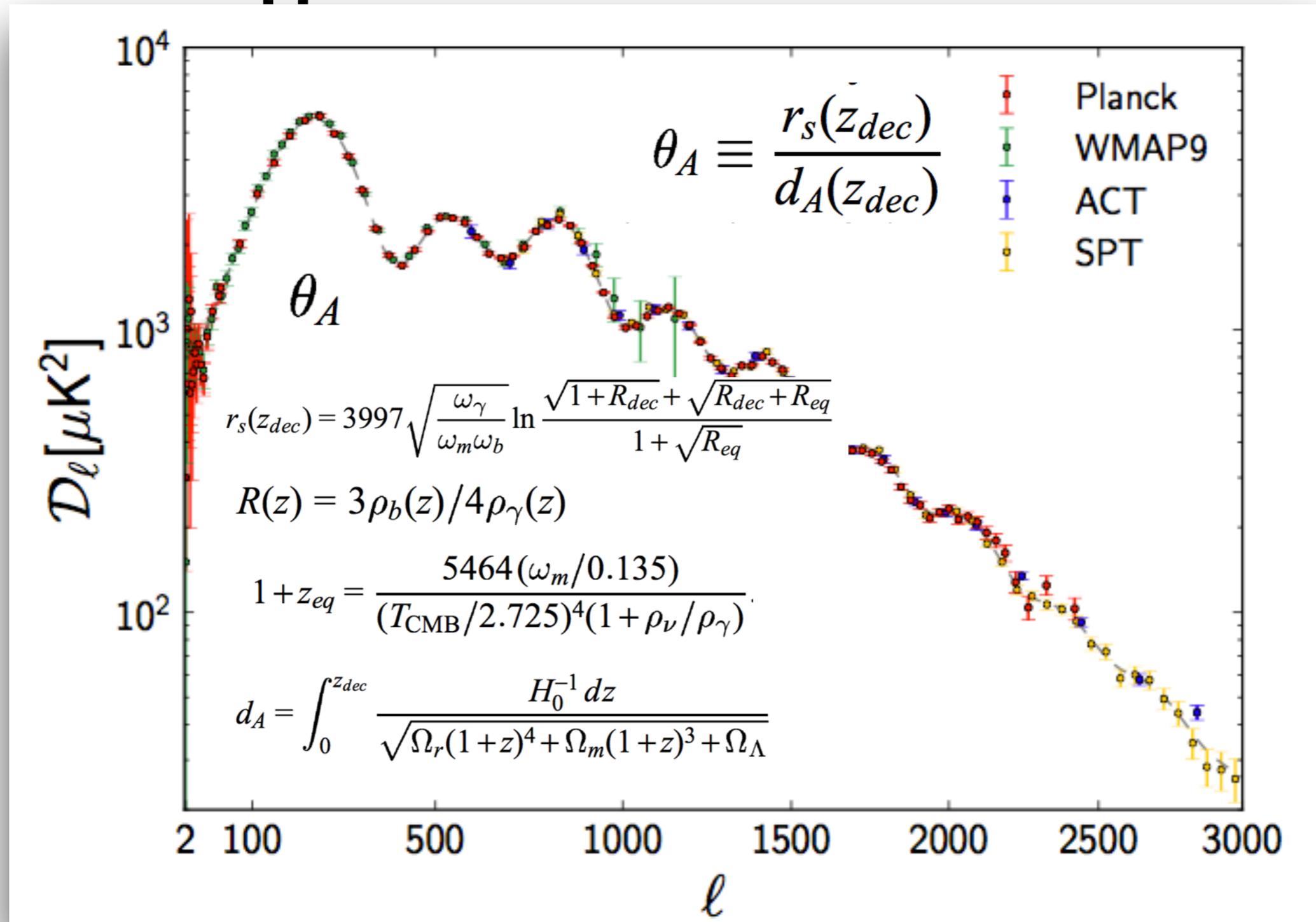


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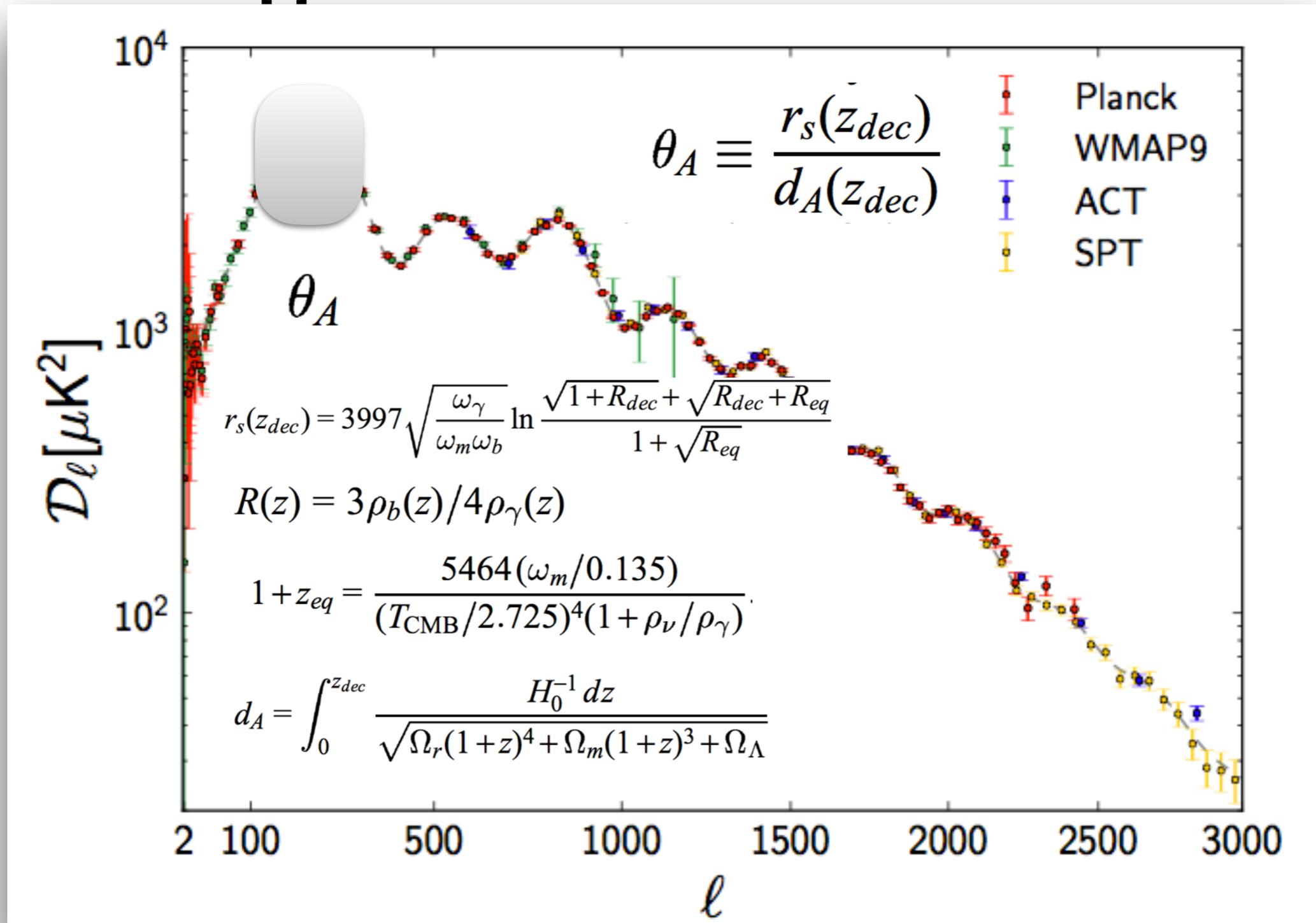
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- 2) DES has 300 million objects with photometry, and ~400k objects with spectra**
- 3) Gaia has >1 billion sources [stellar maps of the Milky Way]**
- 3) Euclid will have 3 billion objects...**

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**and often in the “model-poor” regime:**

**1) The exact mapping between galaxies observed in broad photometric bands and their redshift depends on stellar population physics, initial stellar mass functions, local environment, feedback from AGN/SNe, dust extinction,...**

**2) Is an object found in photometric images a faint star that is far away, or a high redshift galaxy?**

**Use machine learning to approximate the mapping:**

**redshift =  $f(\text{photometric properties of training sample})$**

**$f(\text{photometric properties of 3 billion galaxies}) \Rightarrow \text{photometric redshift}$**

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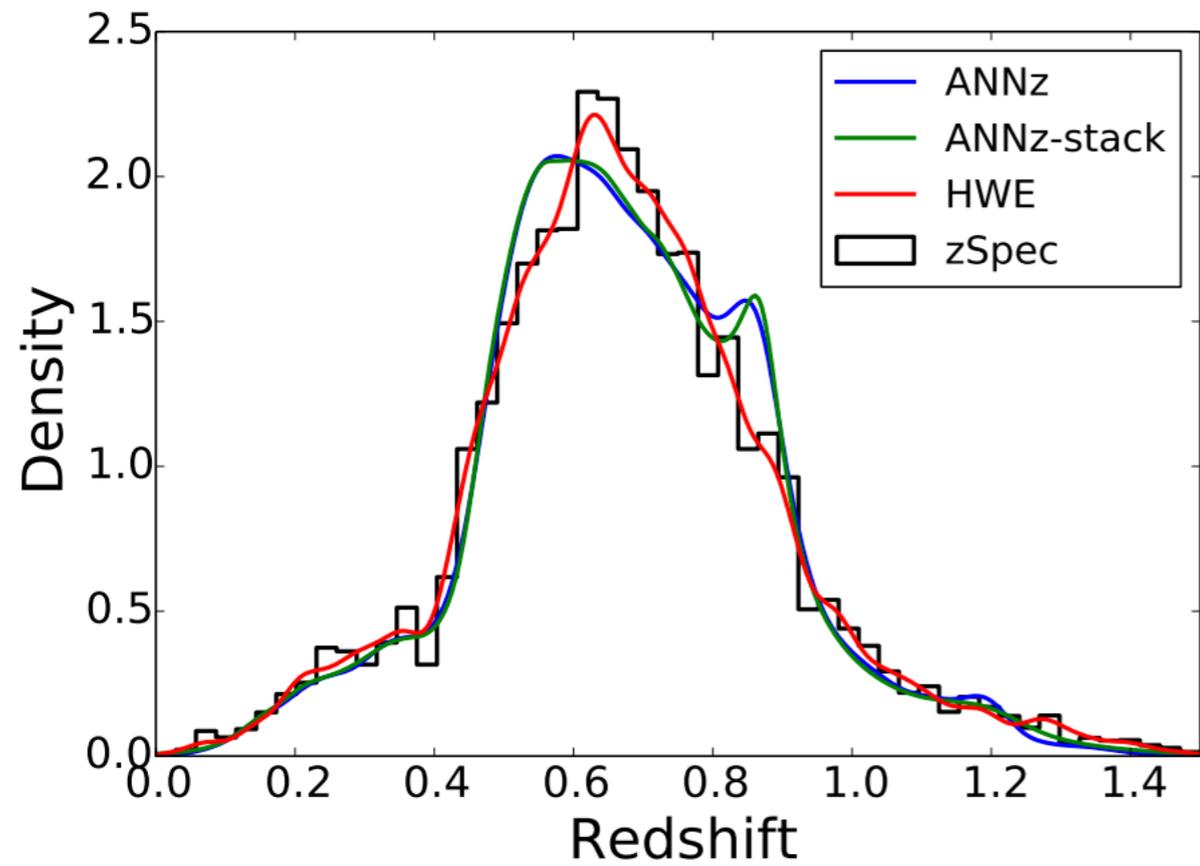
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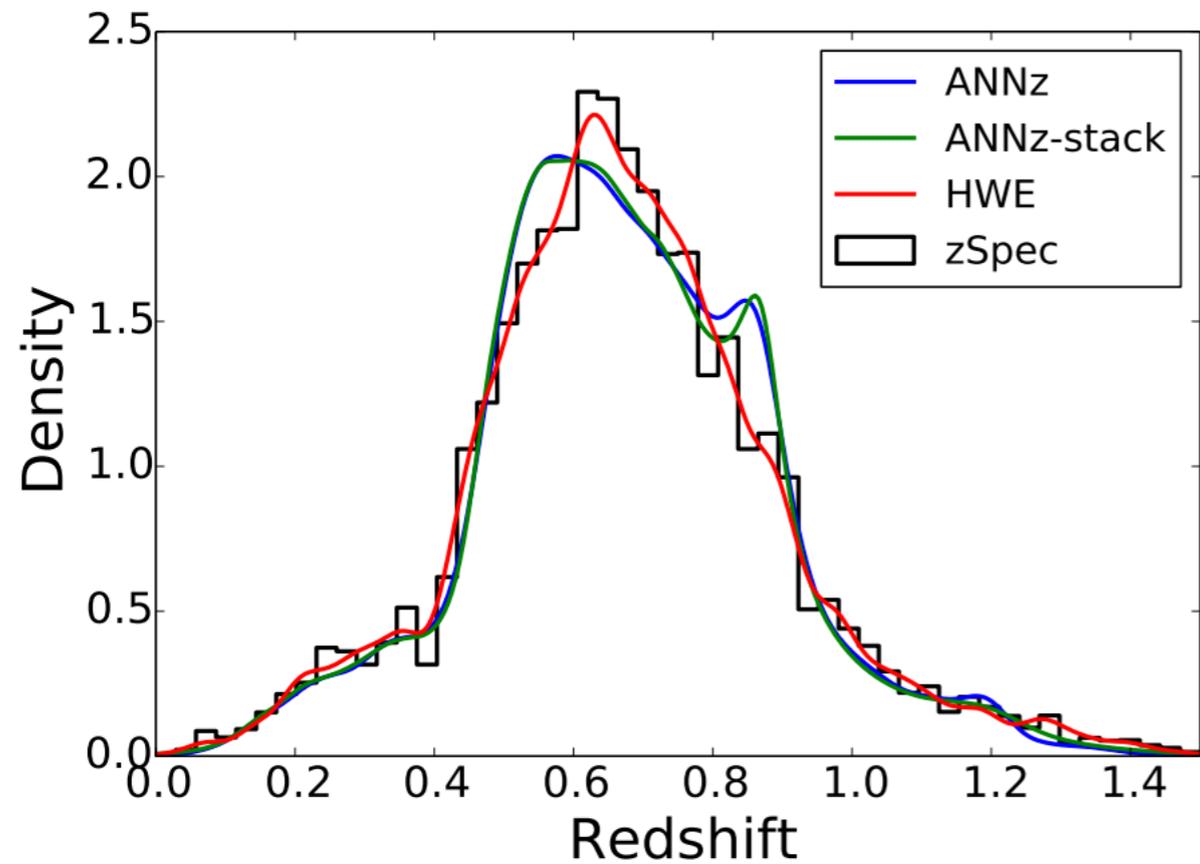
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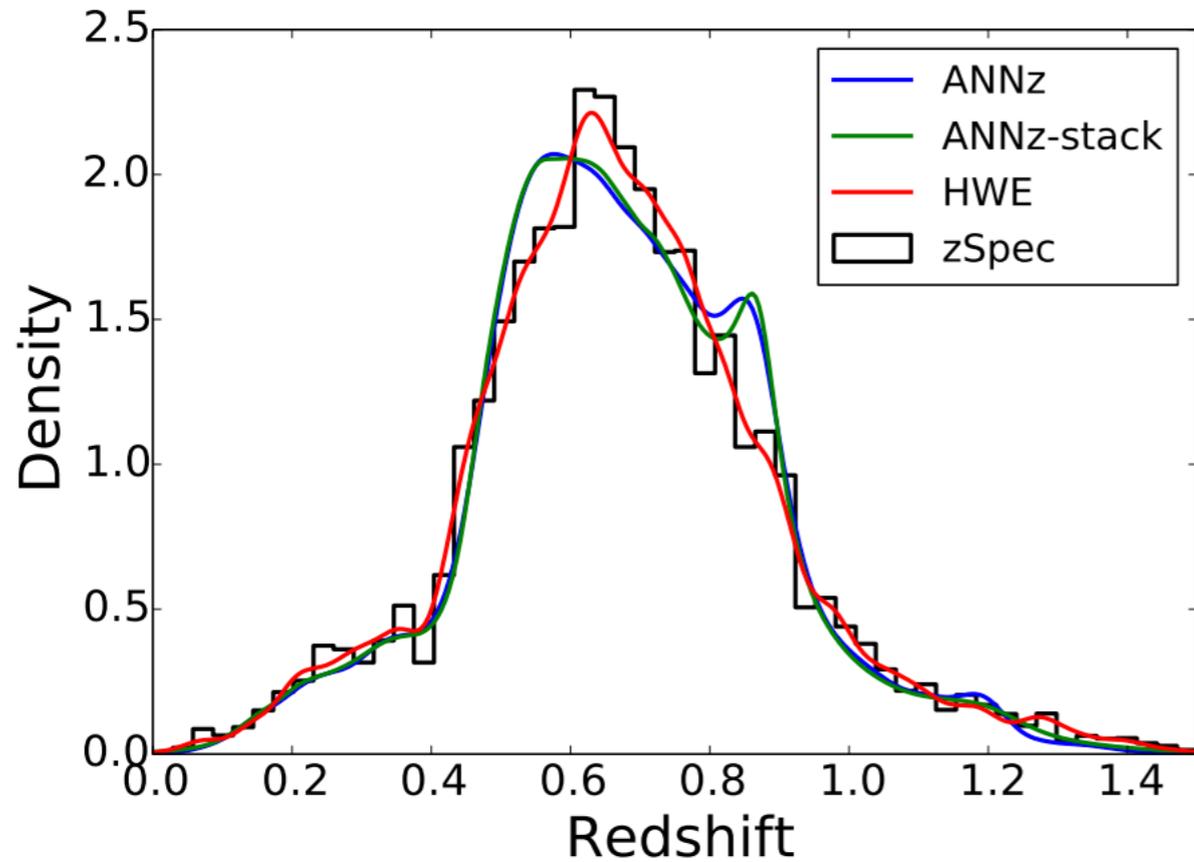
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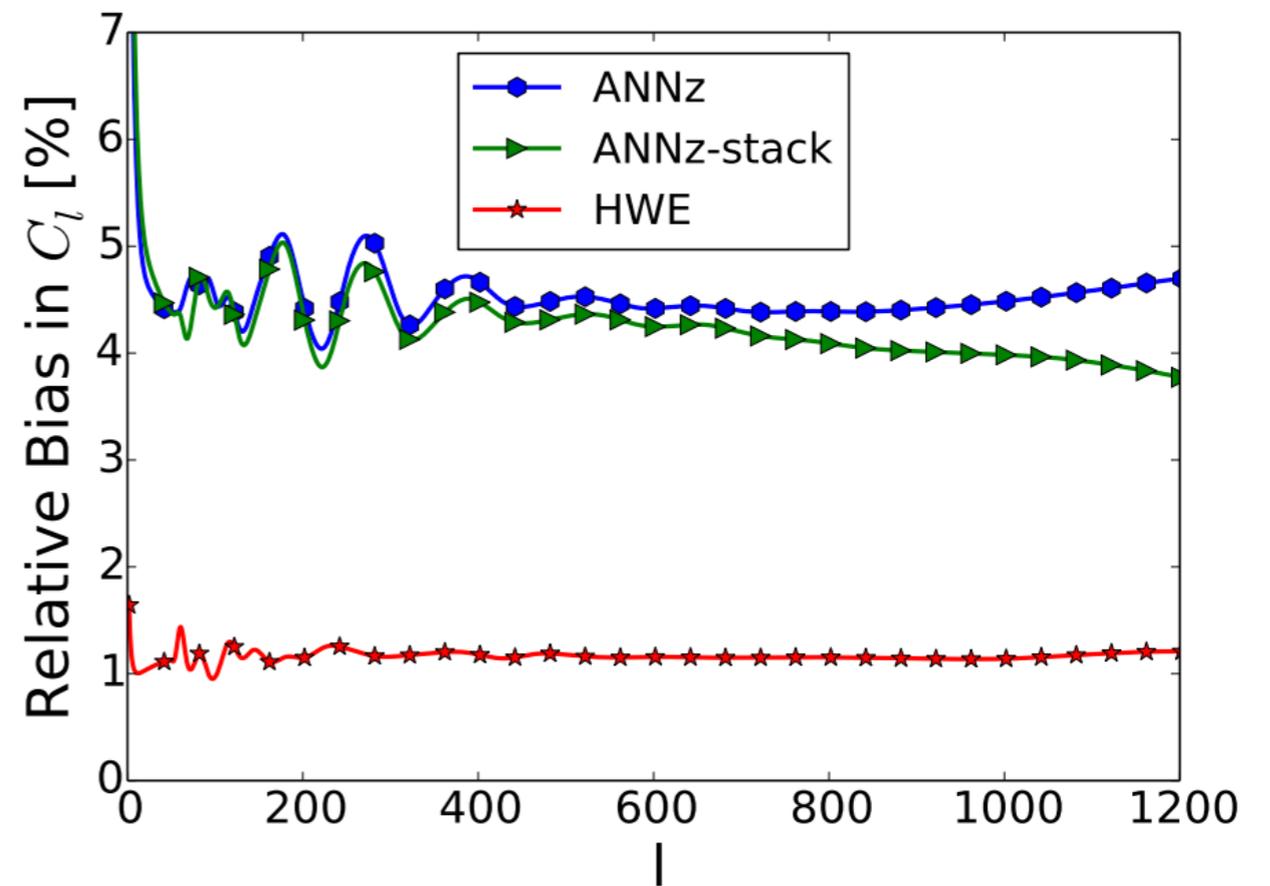
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**Figure 9.** Bias in the angular correlation power spectrum obtained for different estimates for the sample PDF. We restrict the comparison to  $\ell < 1200$ .

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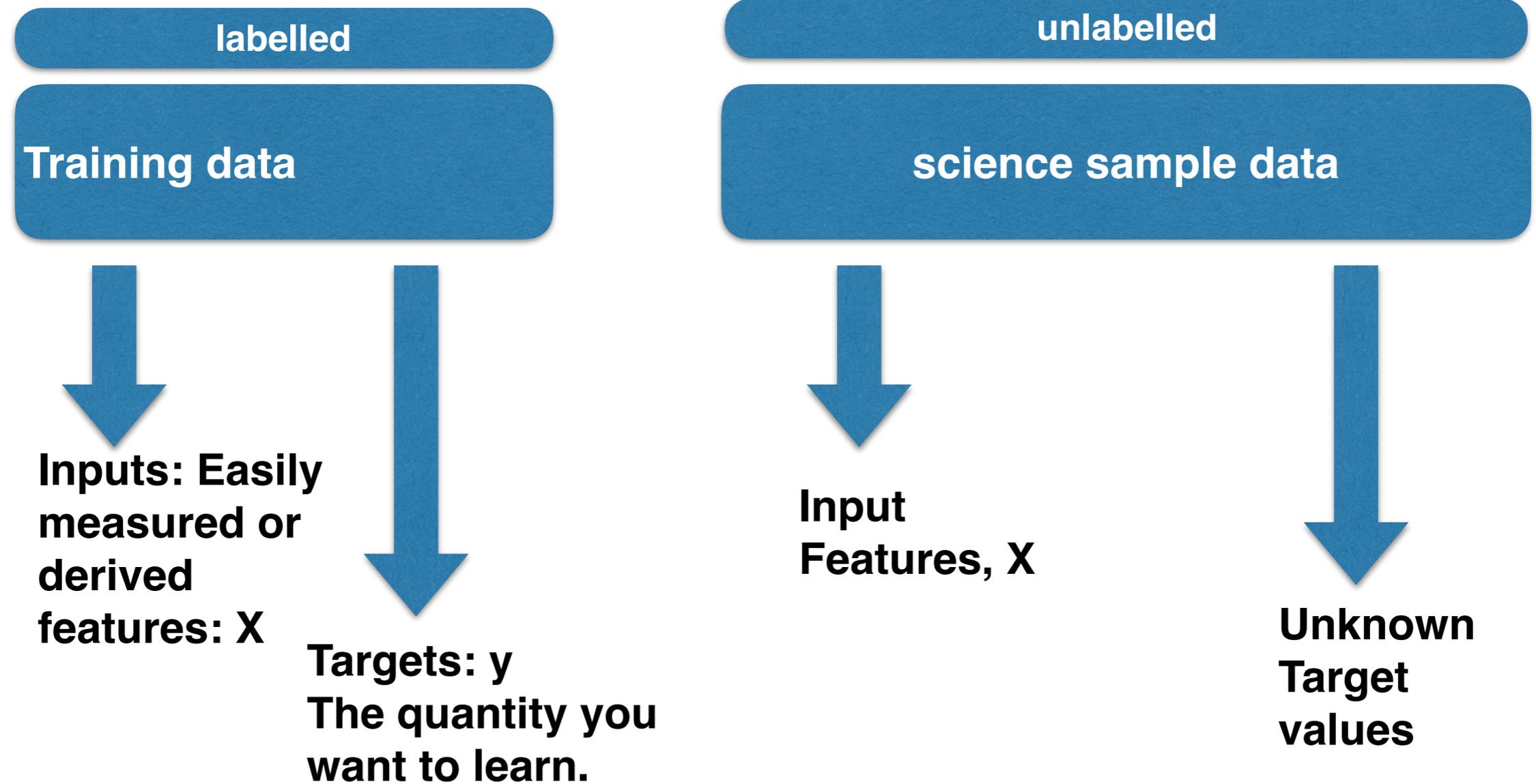
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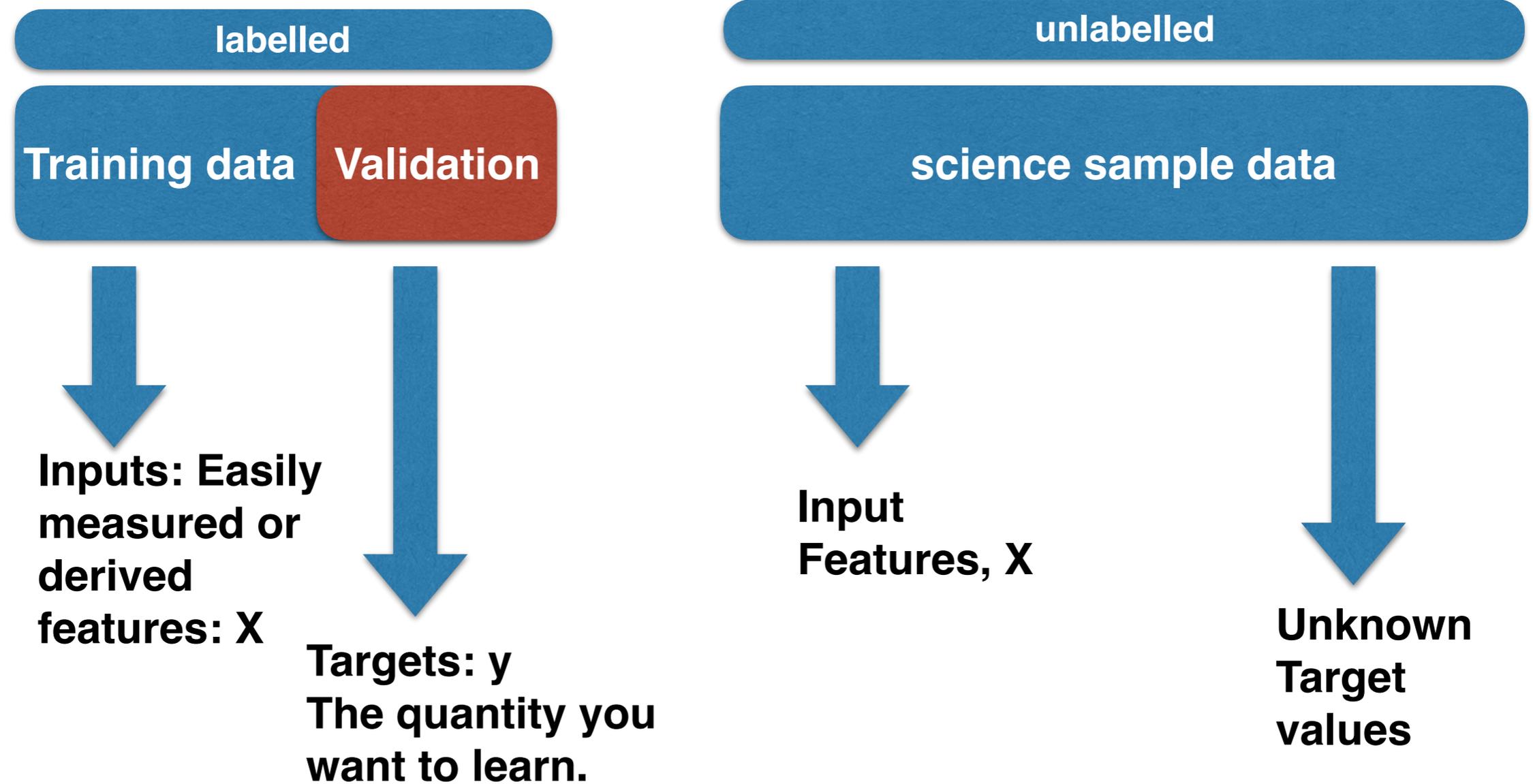
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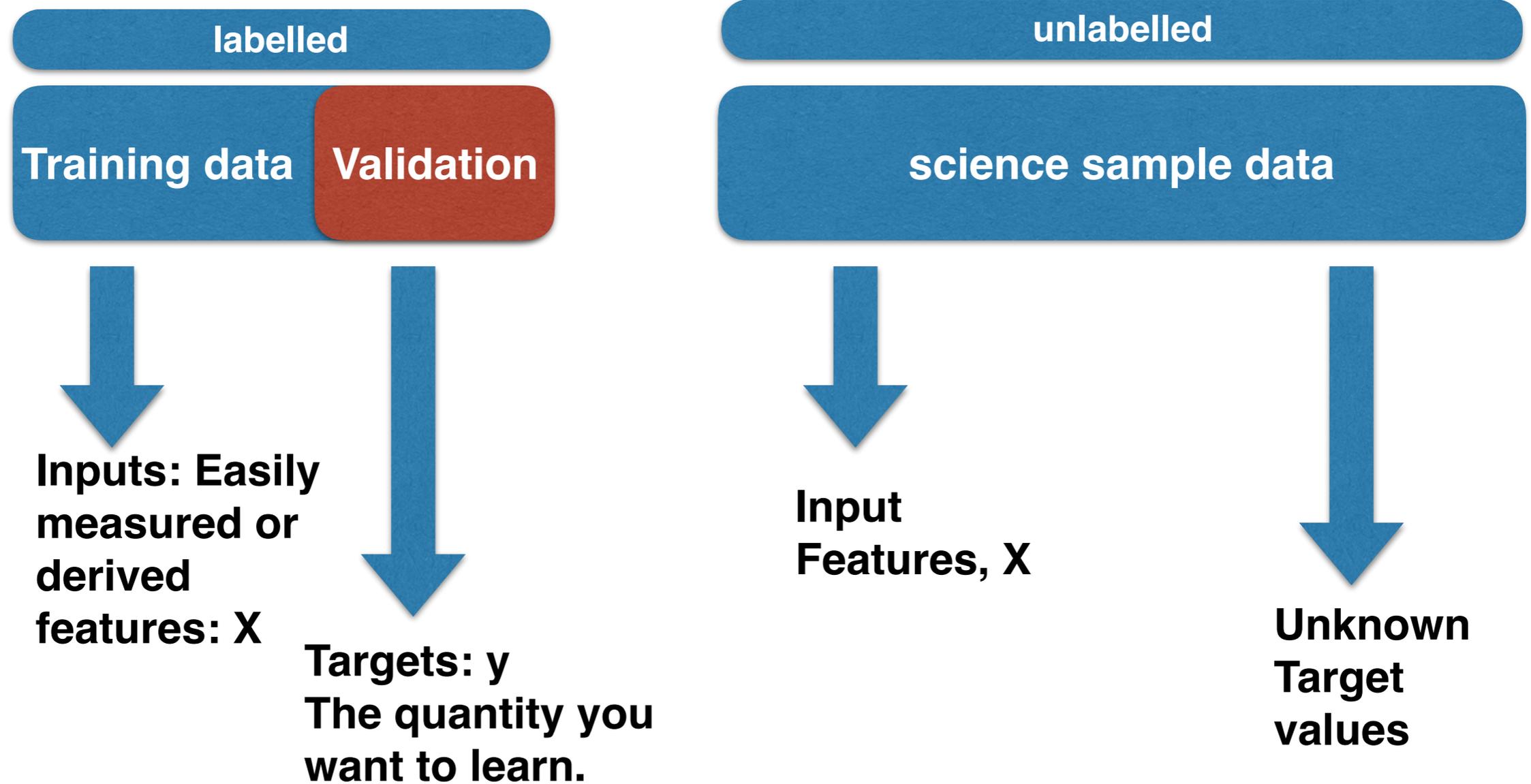


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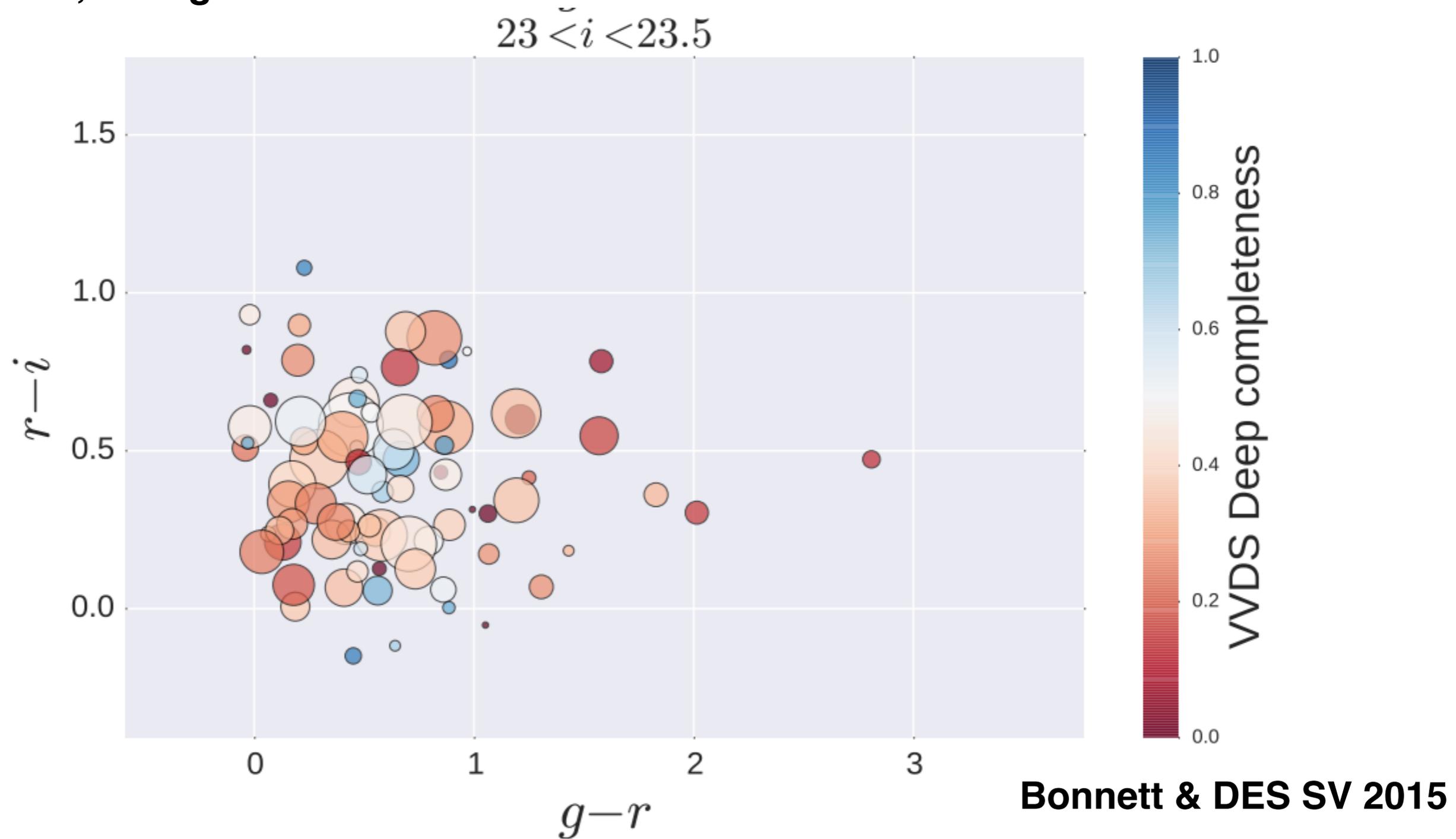
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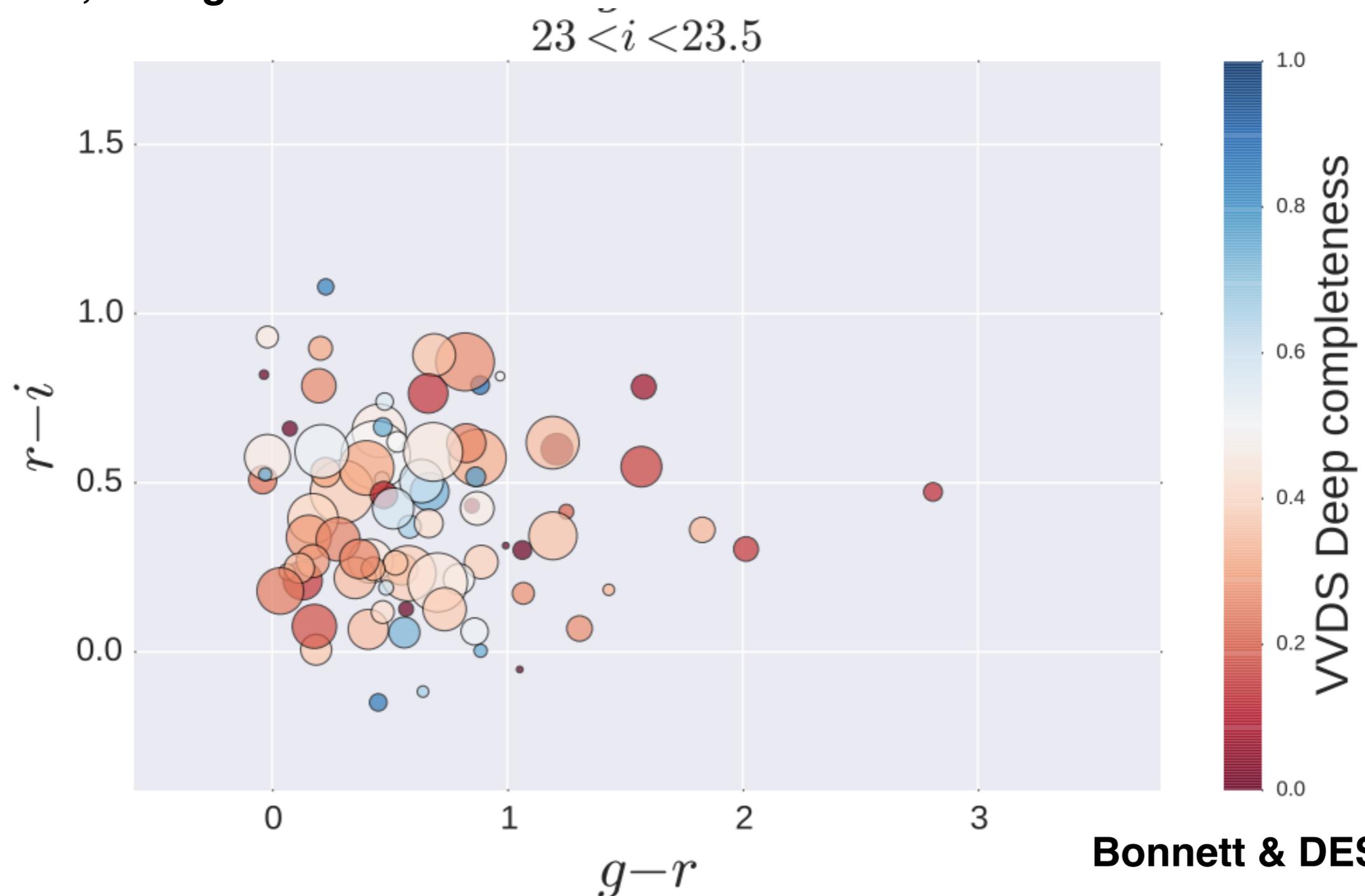
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Bonnett & DES SV 2015

This leads to incomplete labelled data (spec-z) in the input feature space

A covariate shift could fix this...

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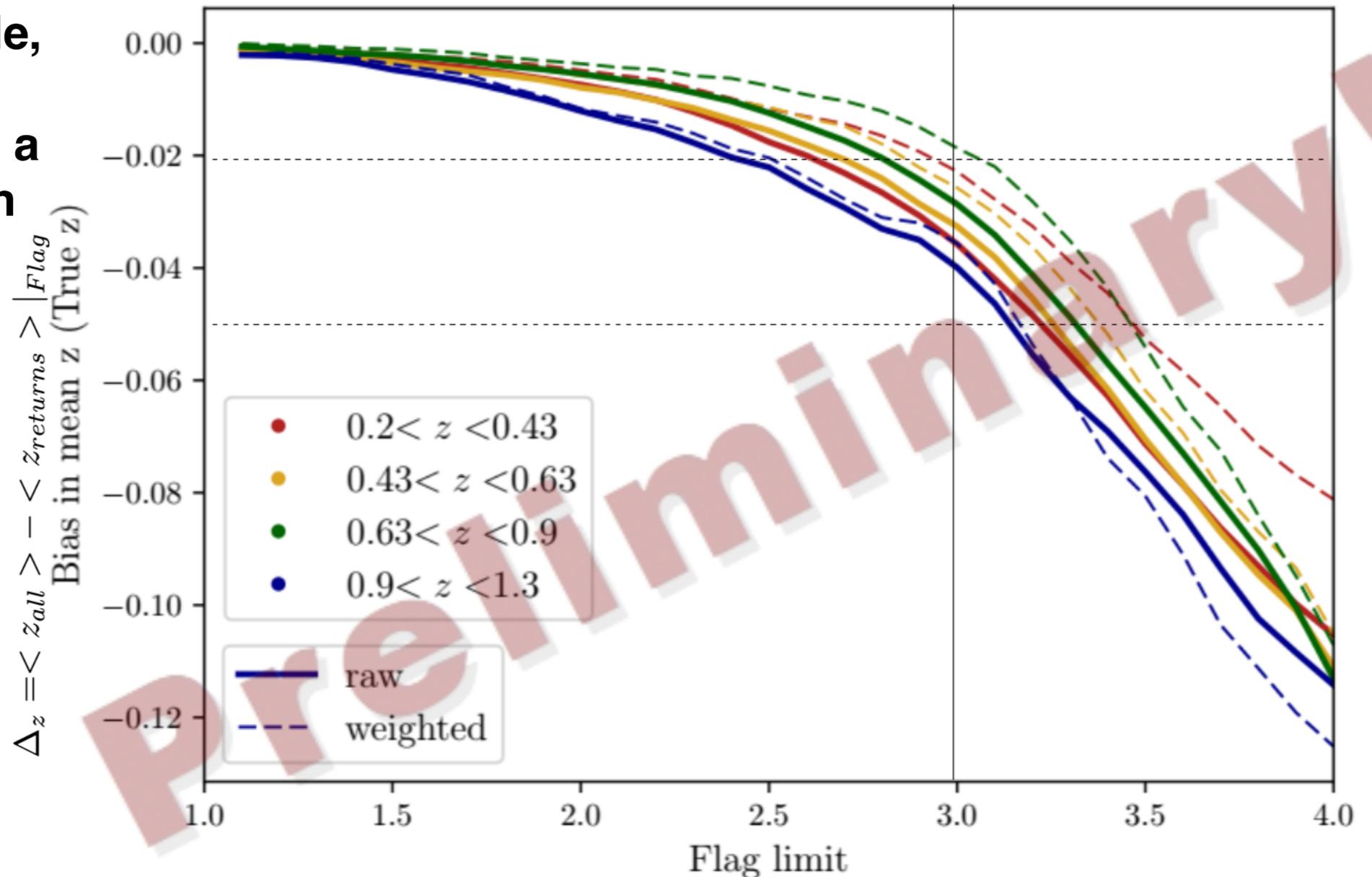
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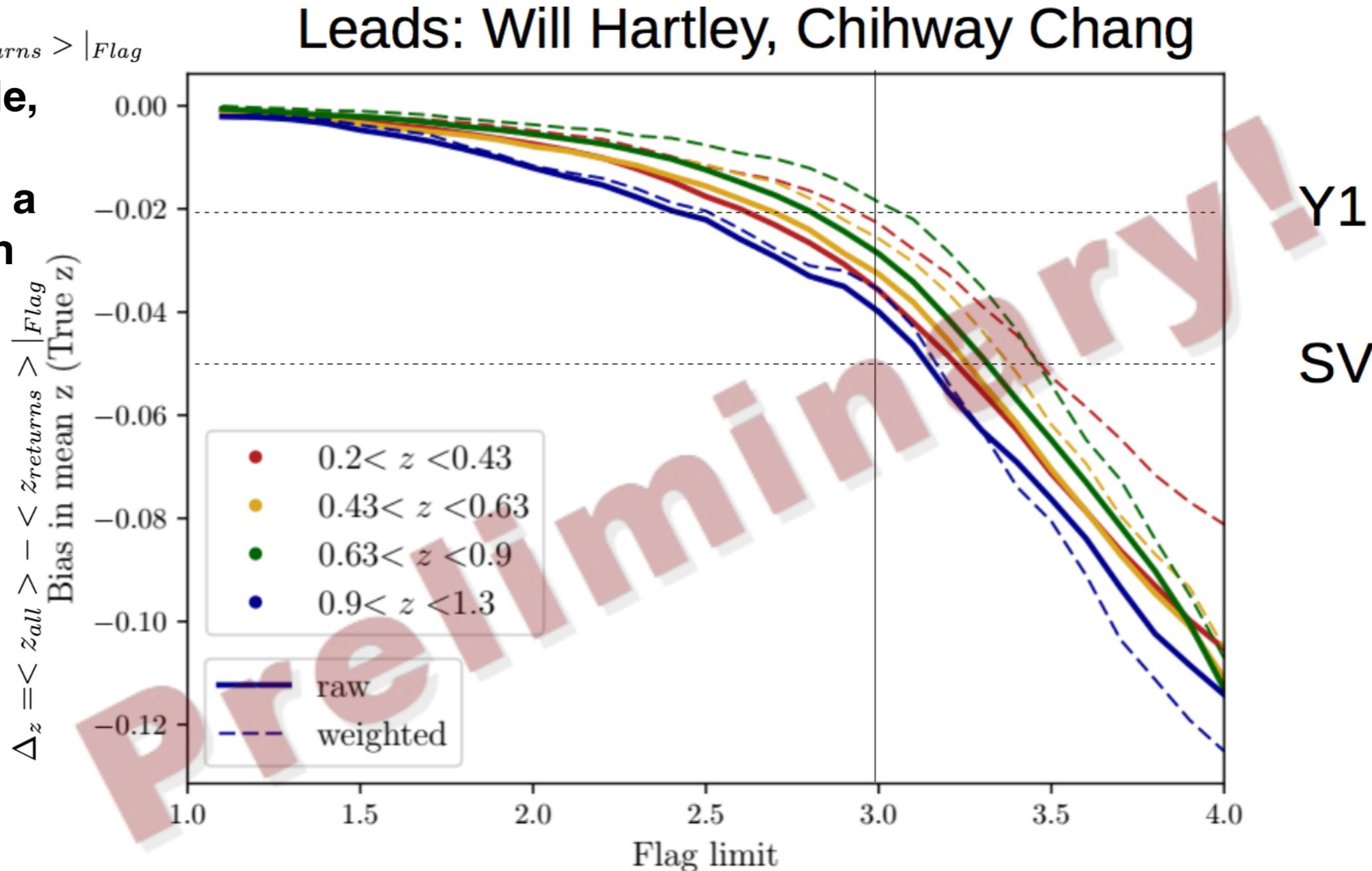
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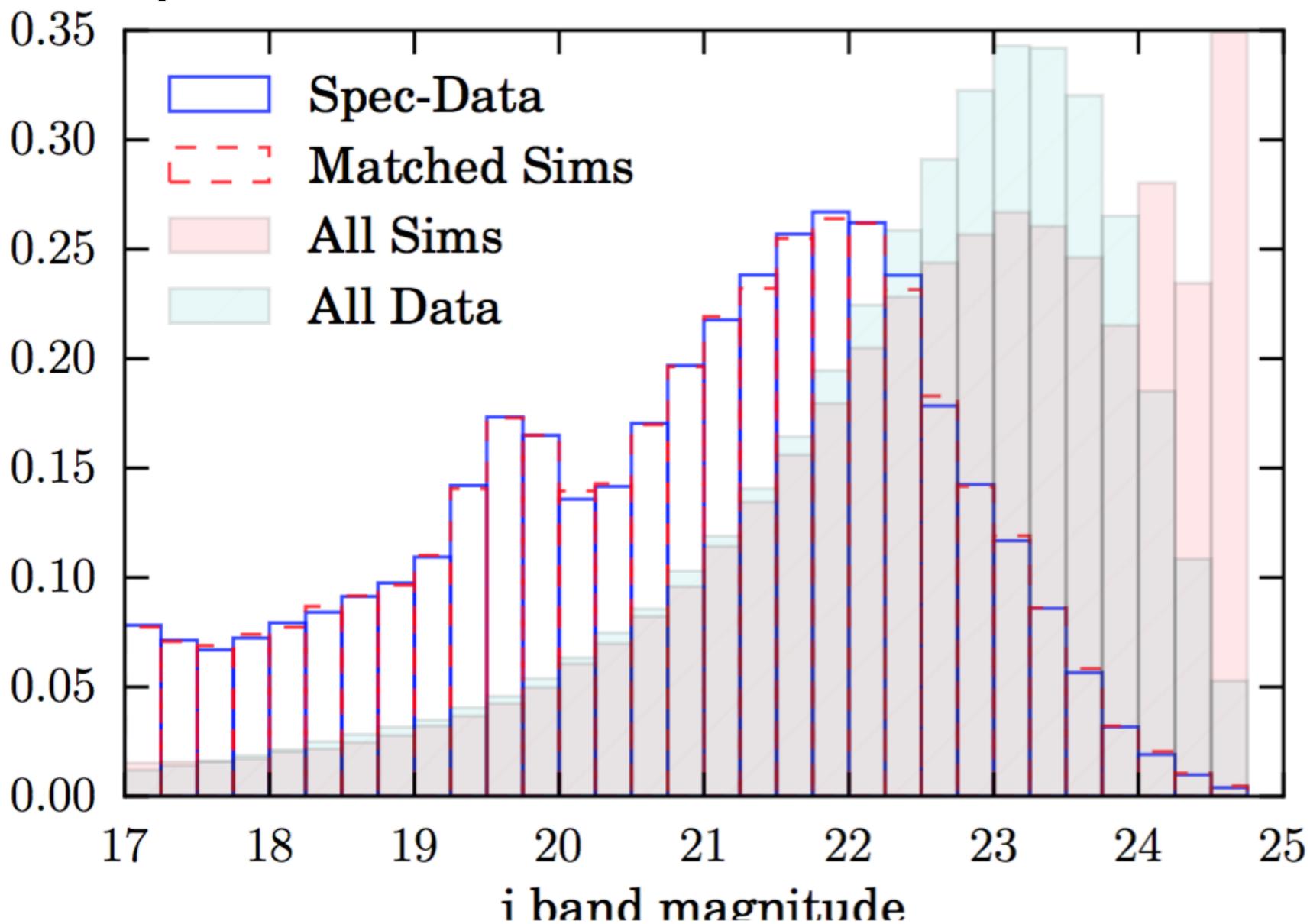


A bias  $\Delta_z$  of  $>0.02$  means that photo-z is the dominant source of systematic error in Y1 DES weak lensing analysis.

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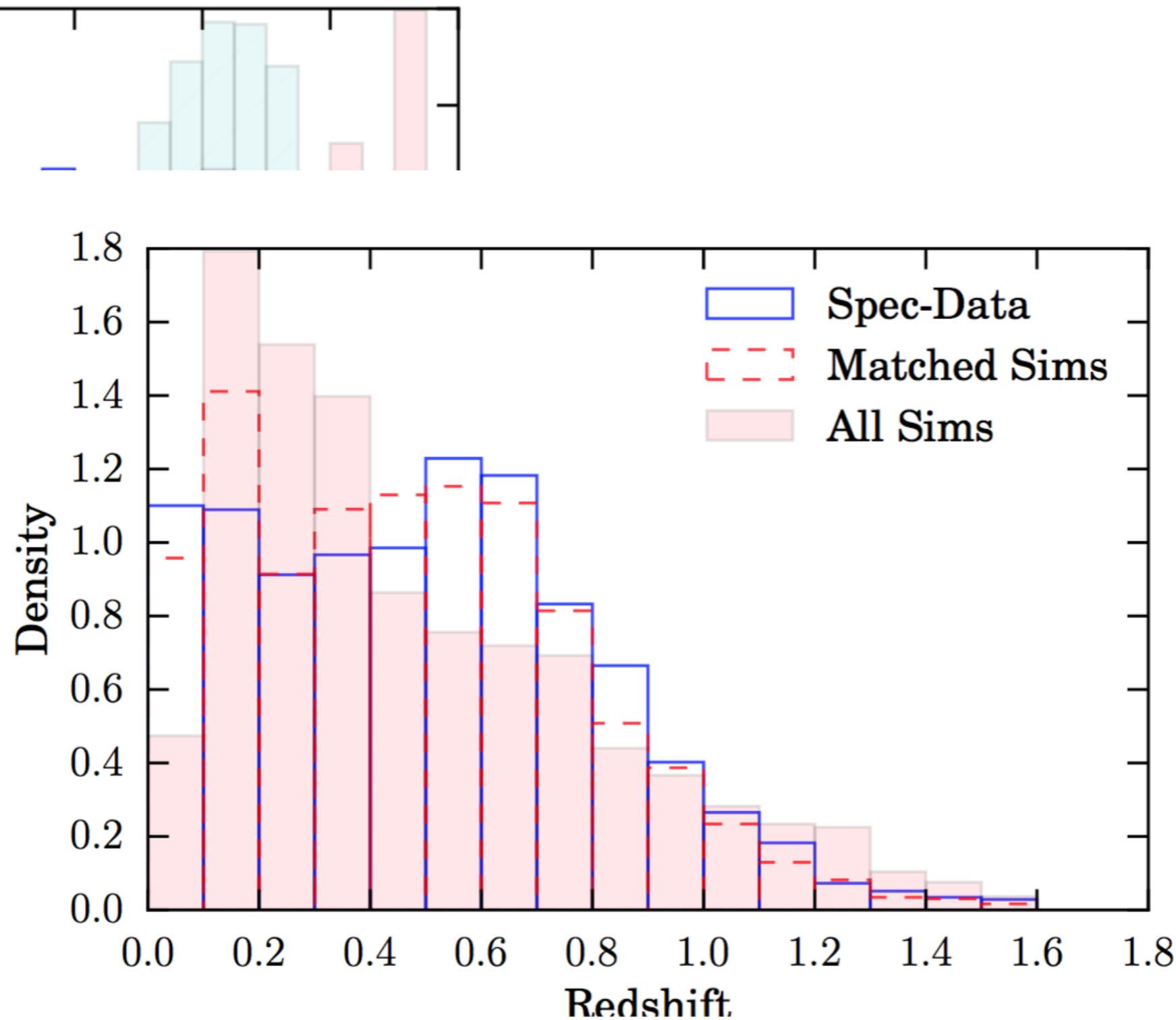
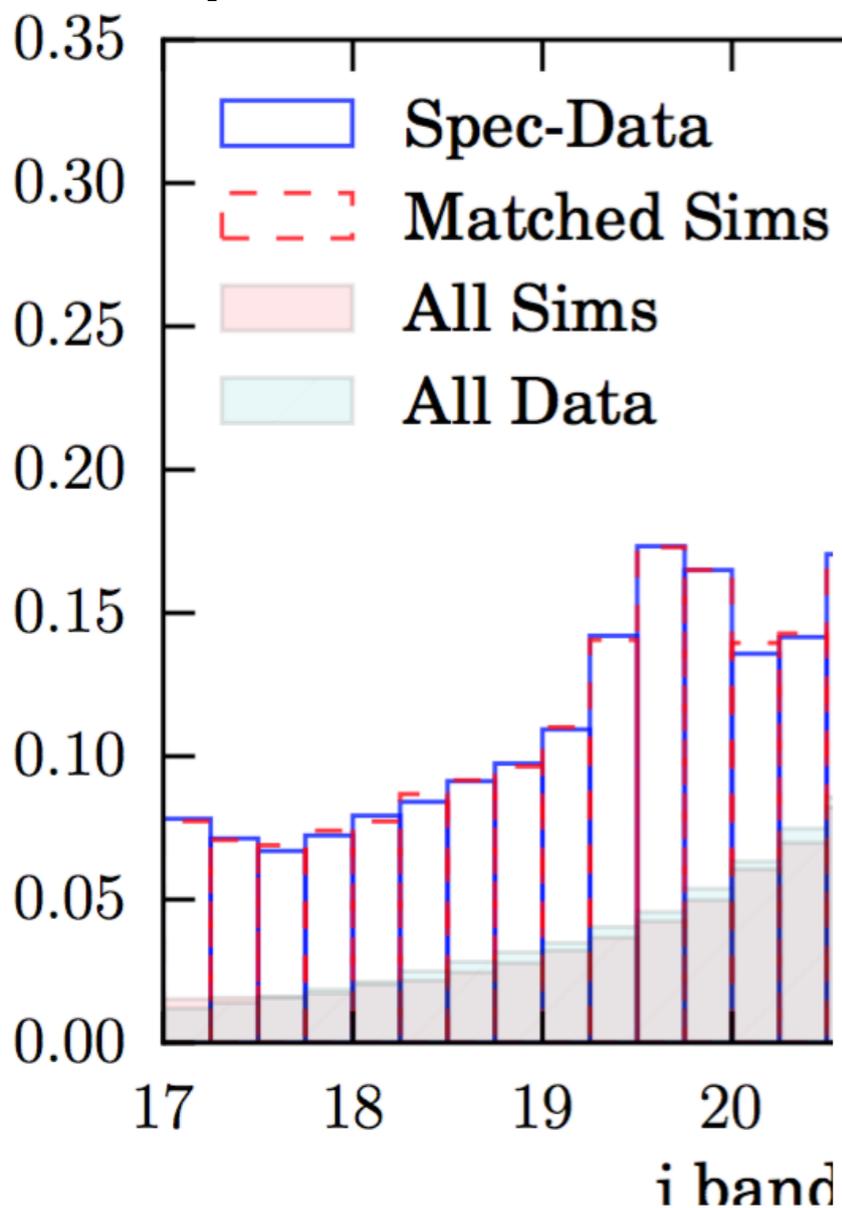
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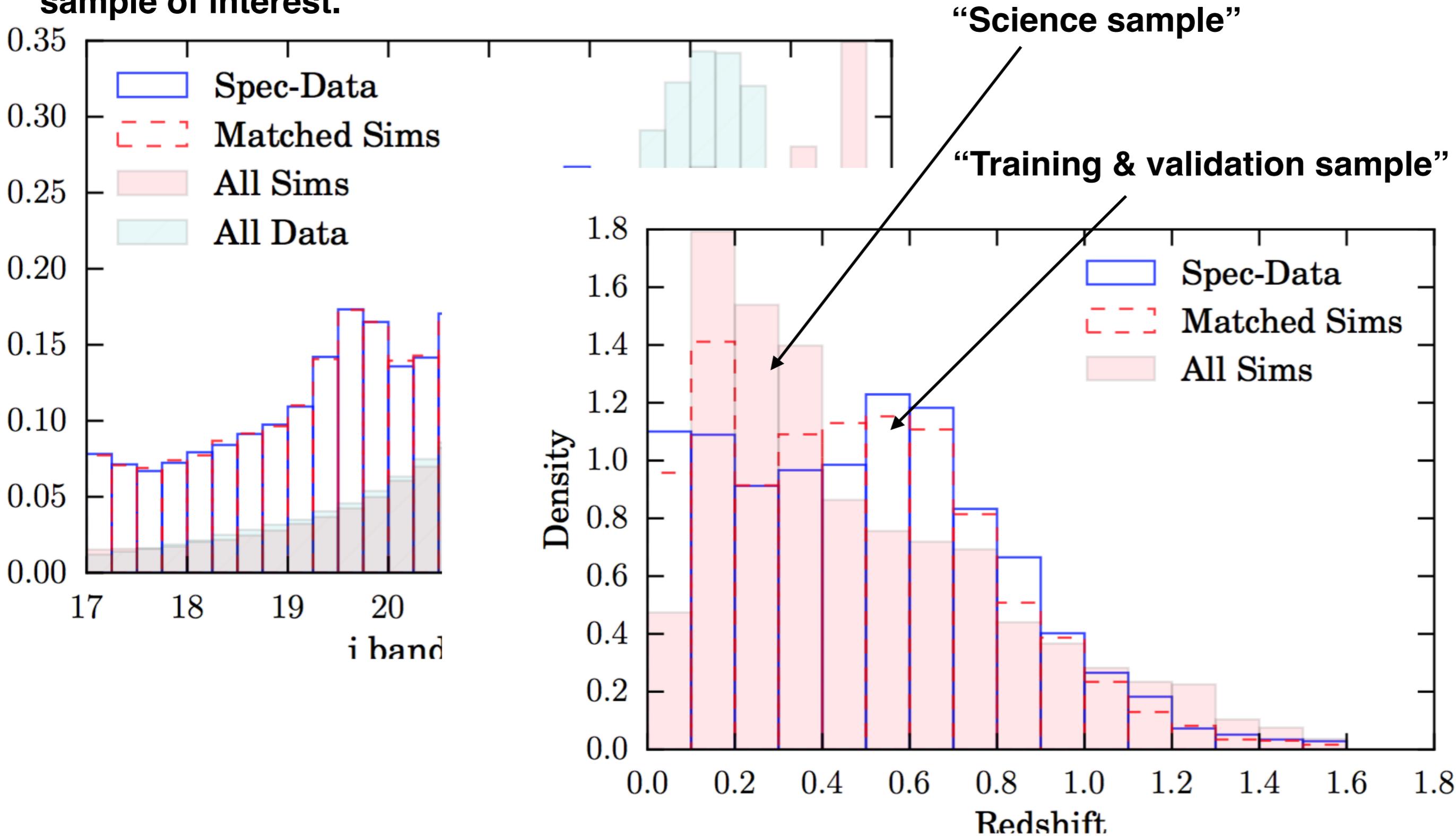
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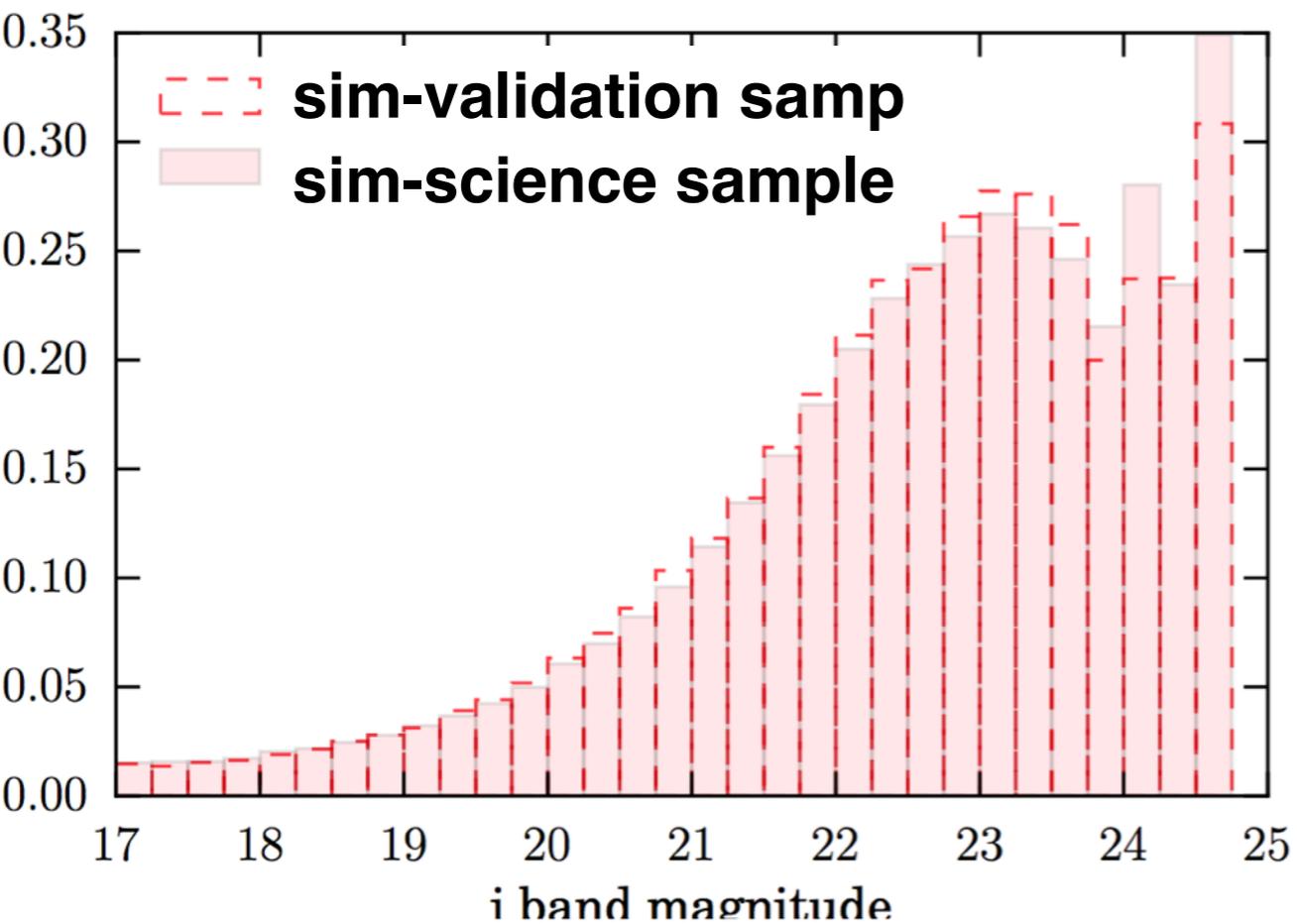
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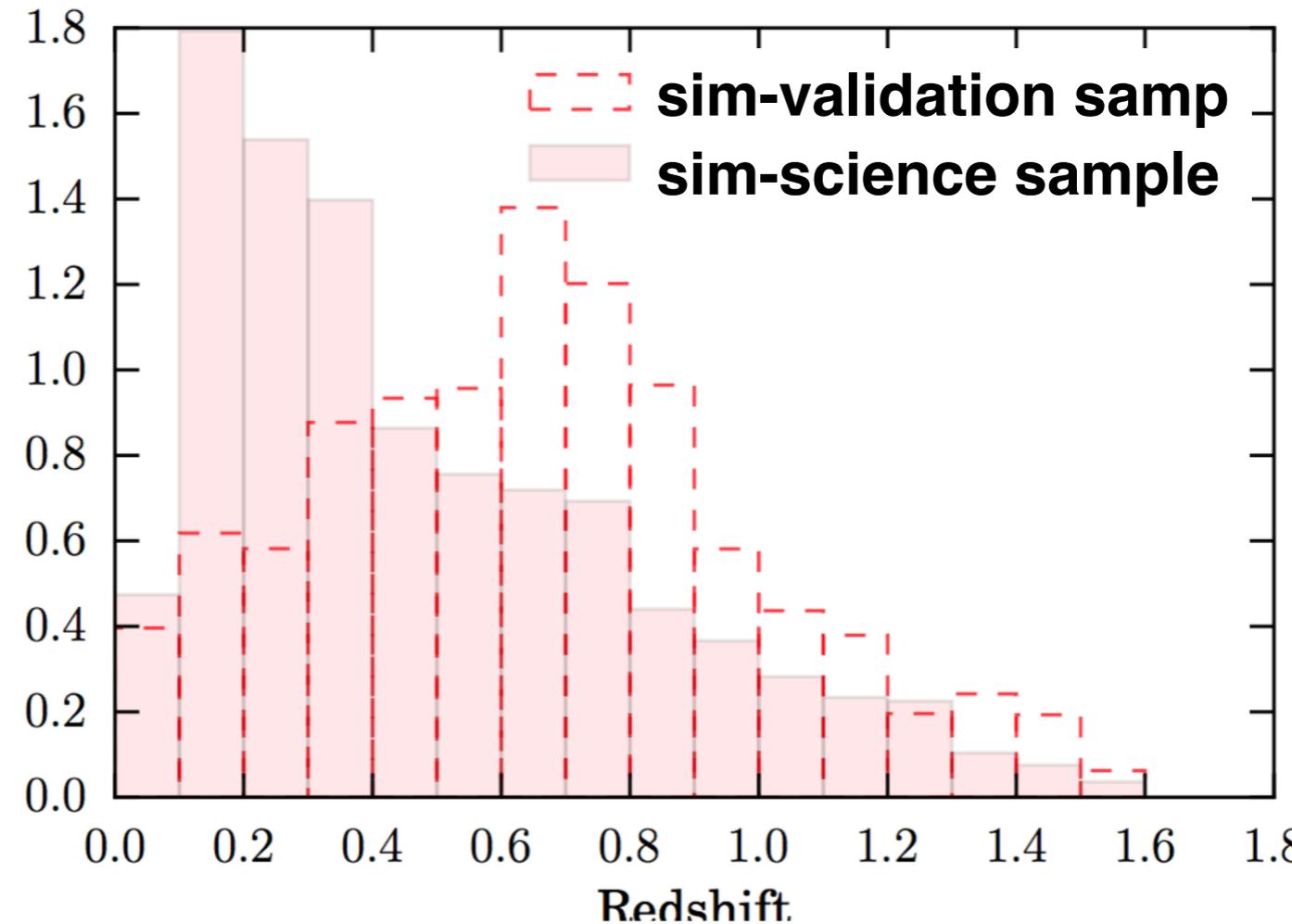
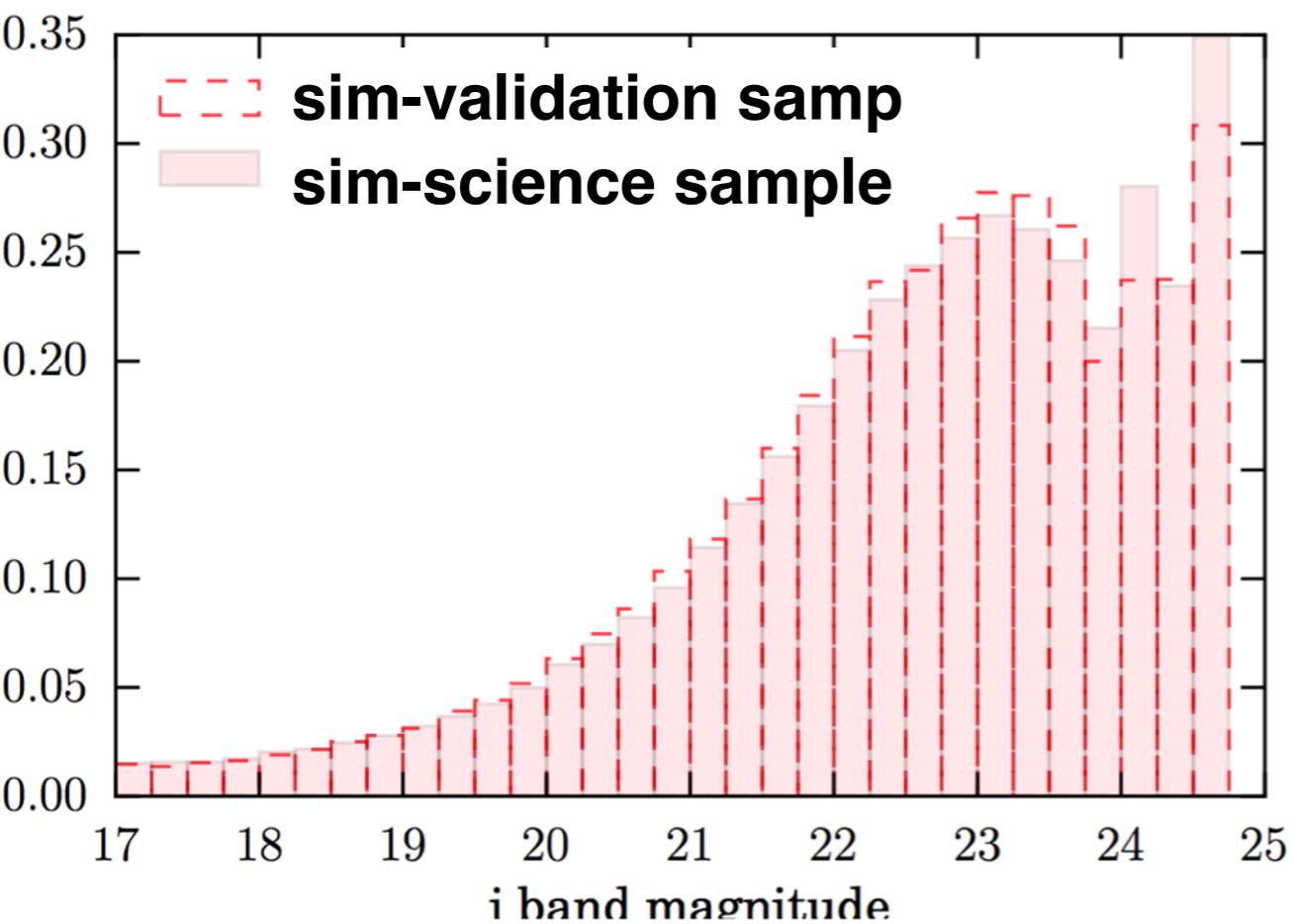
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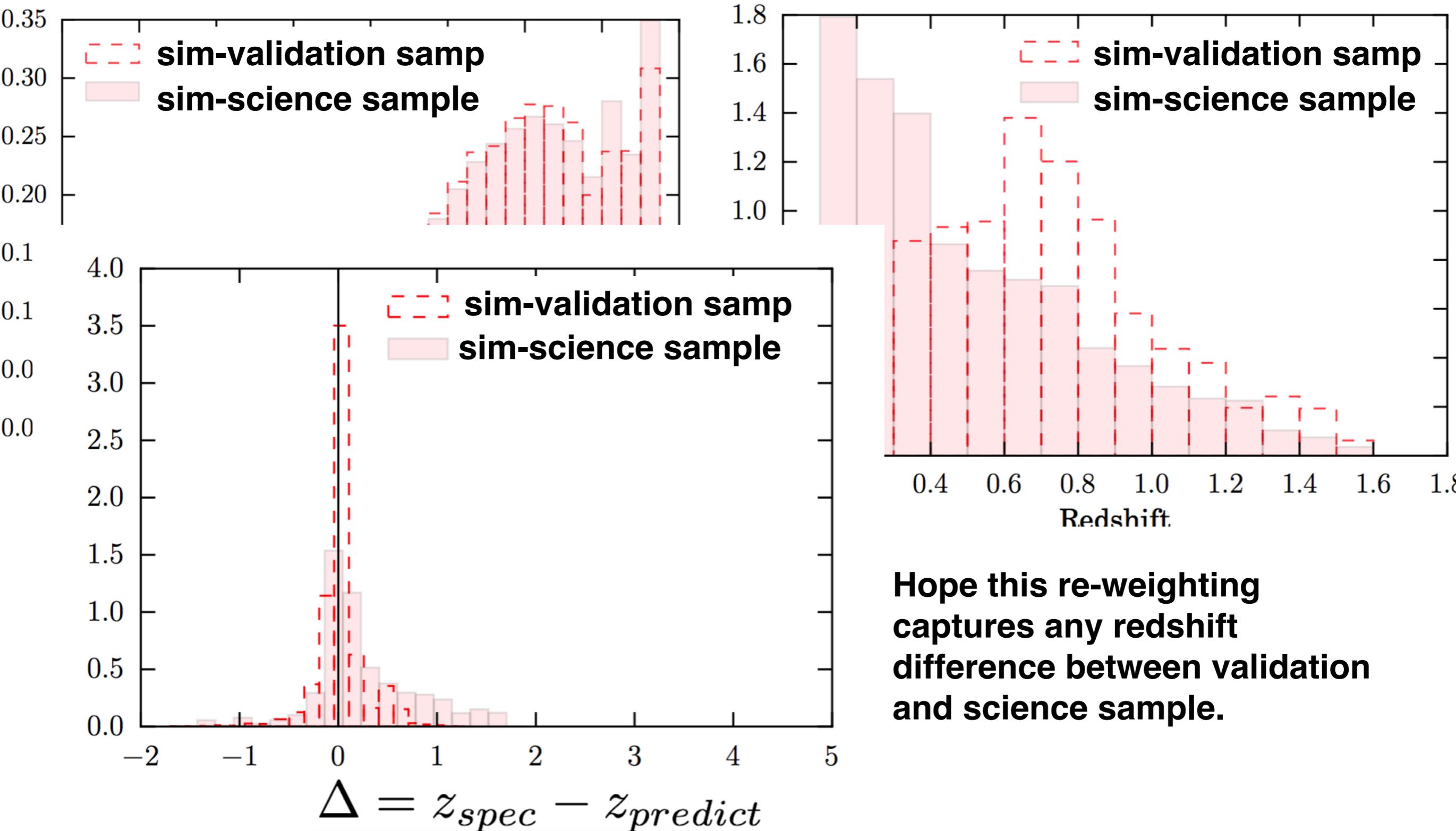
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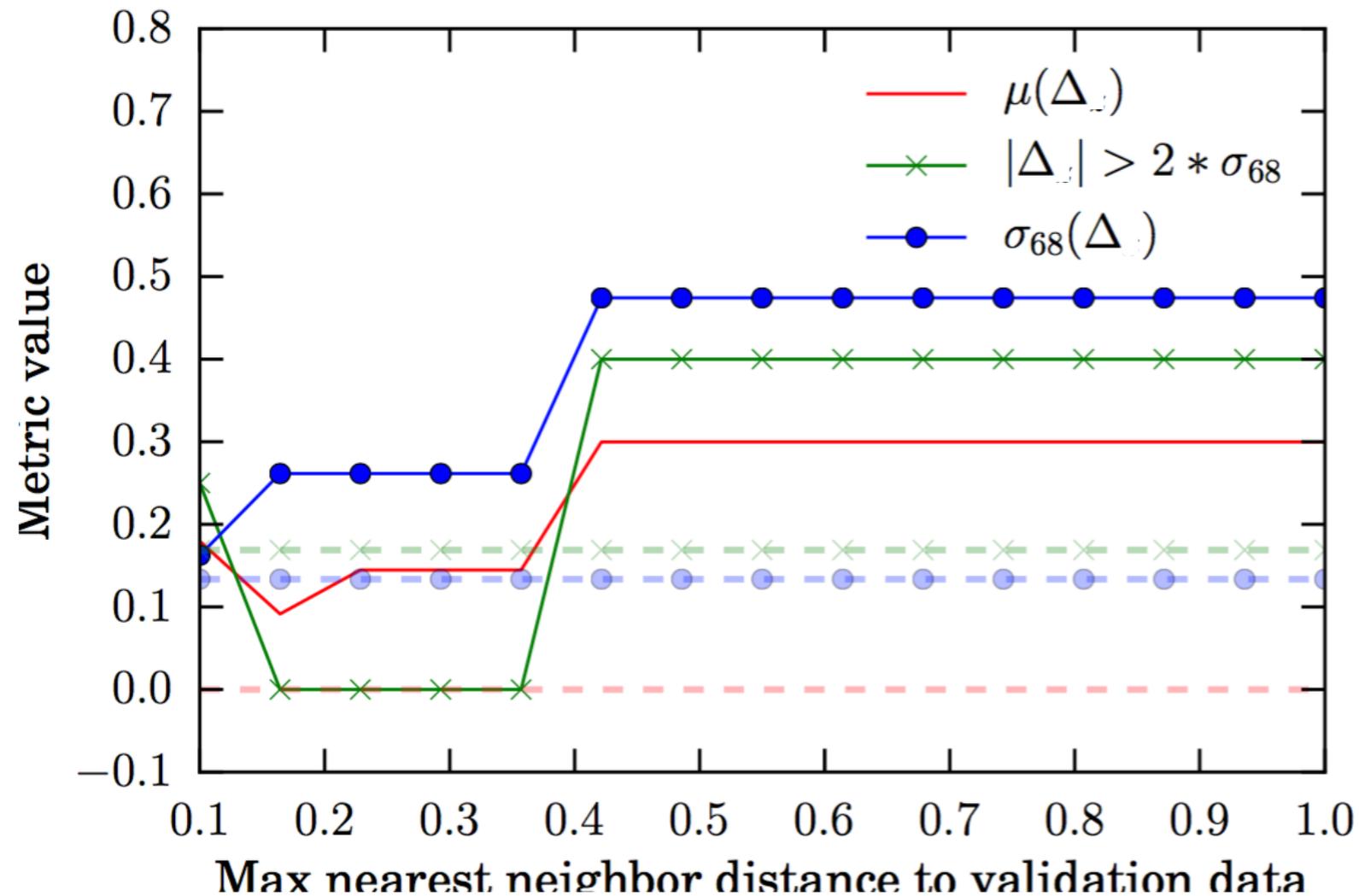
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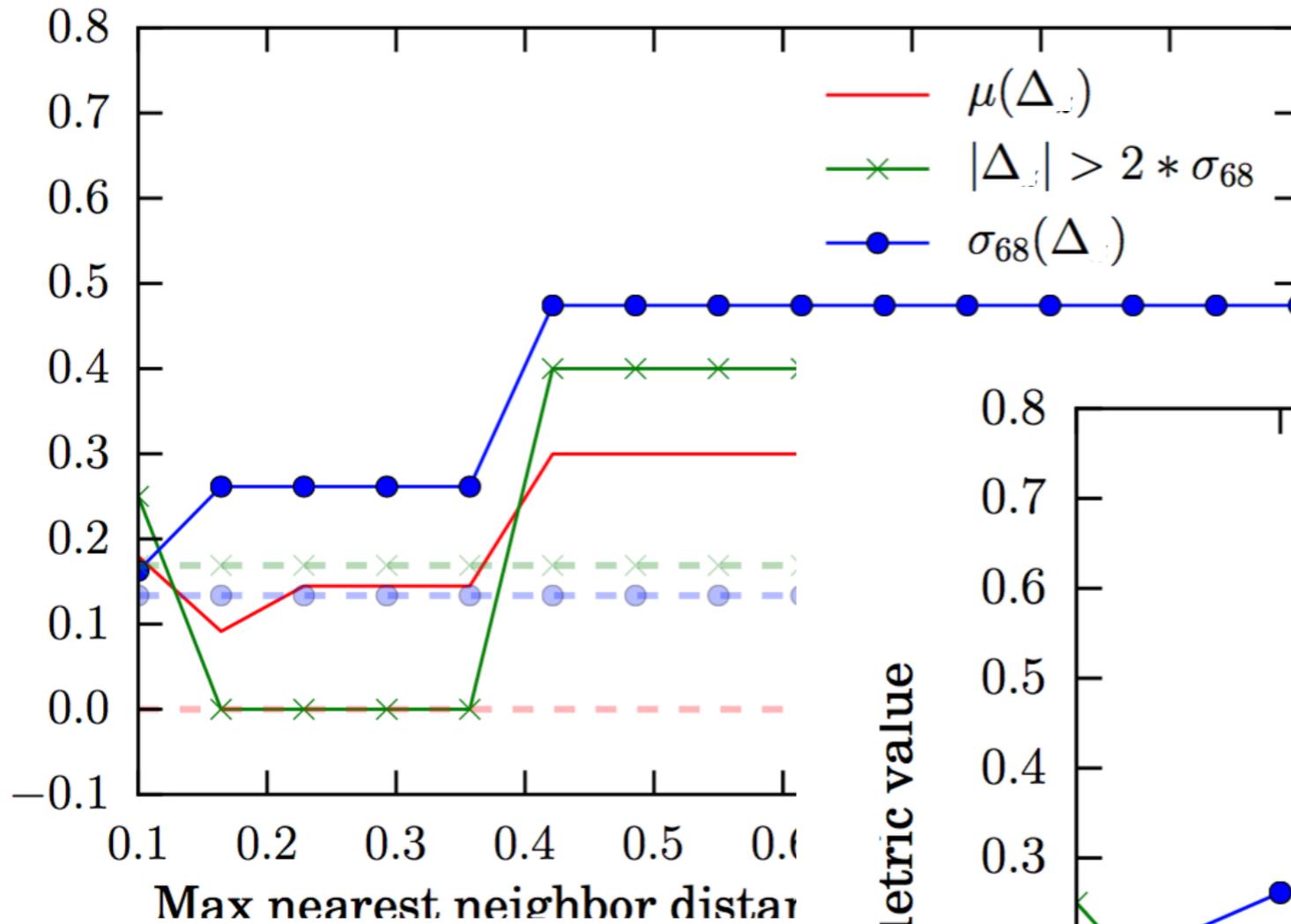


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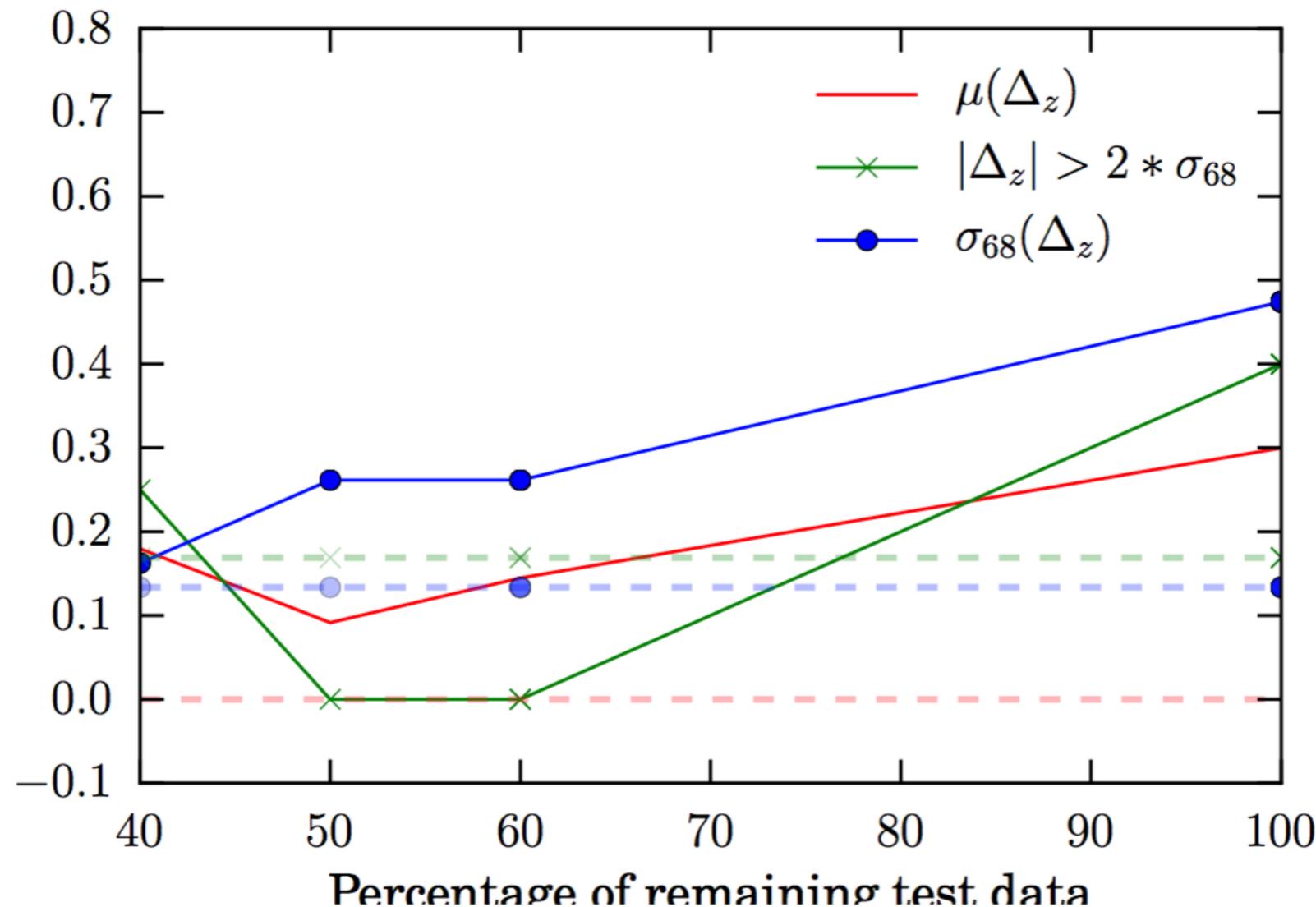
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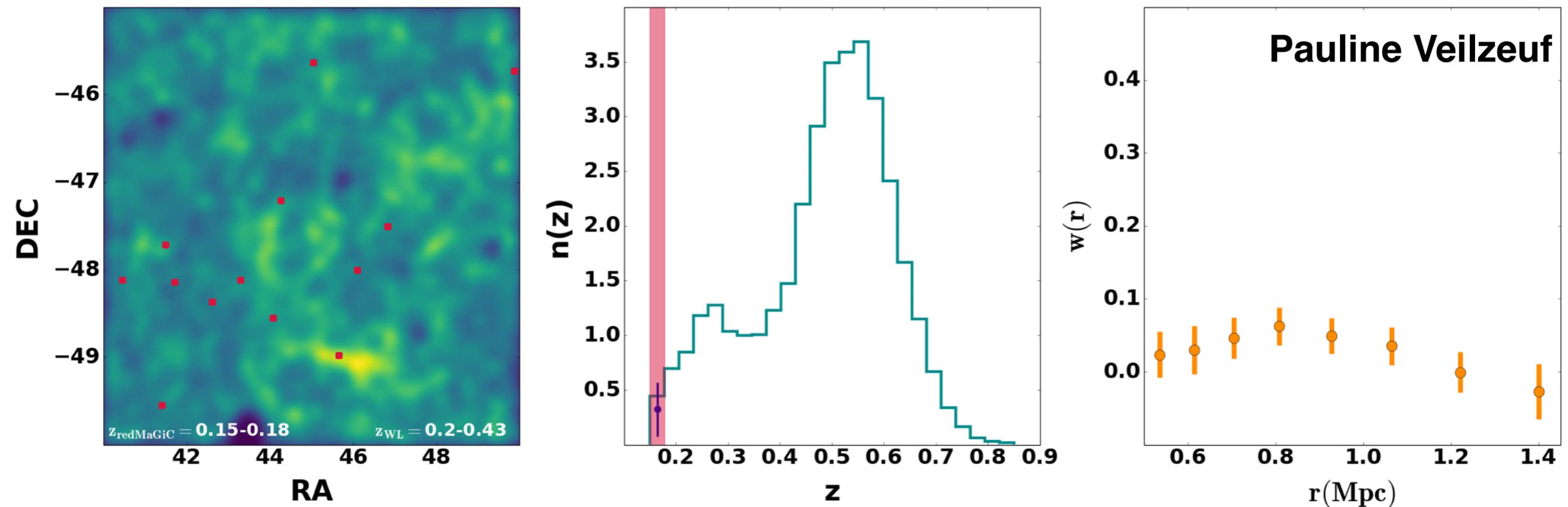
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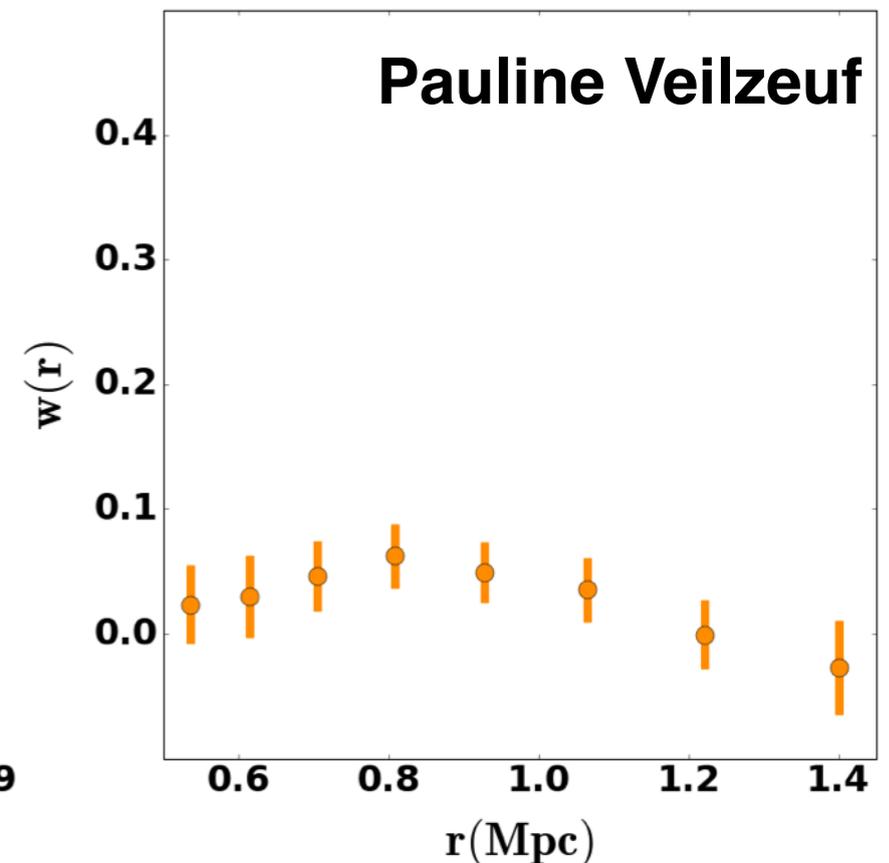
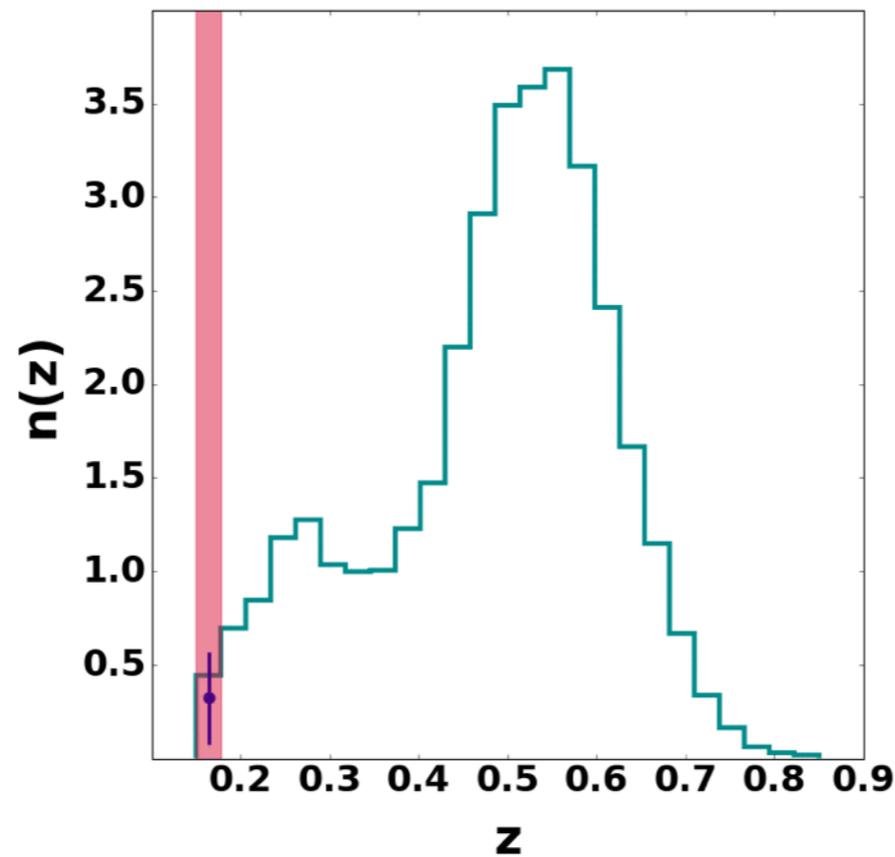
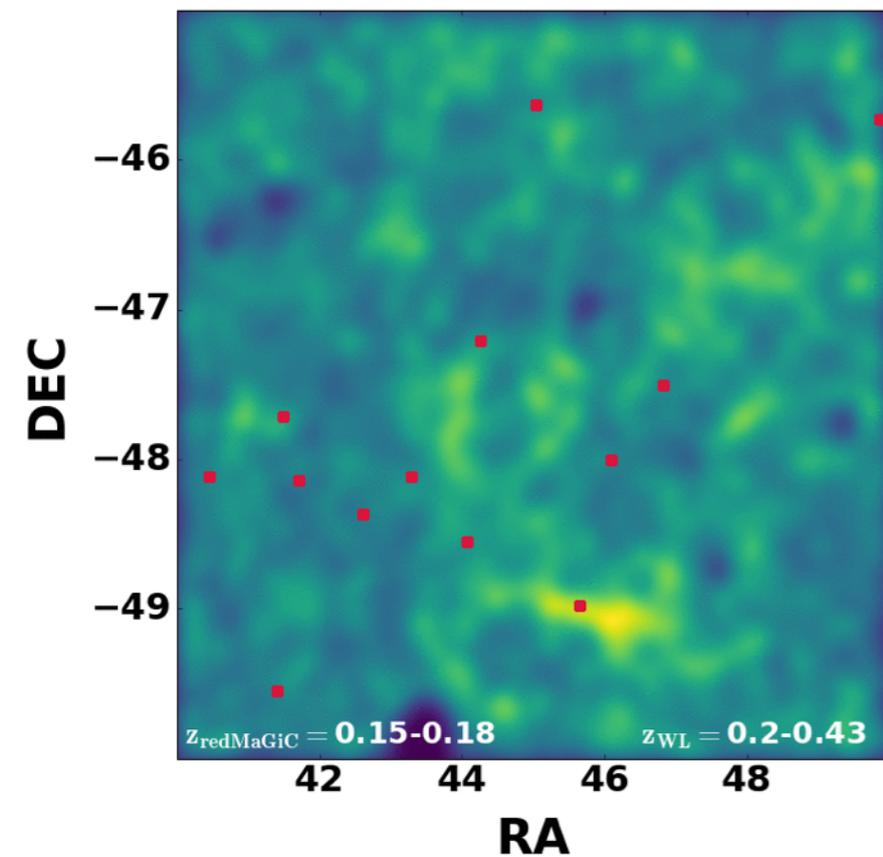
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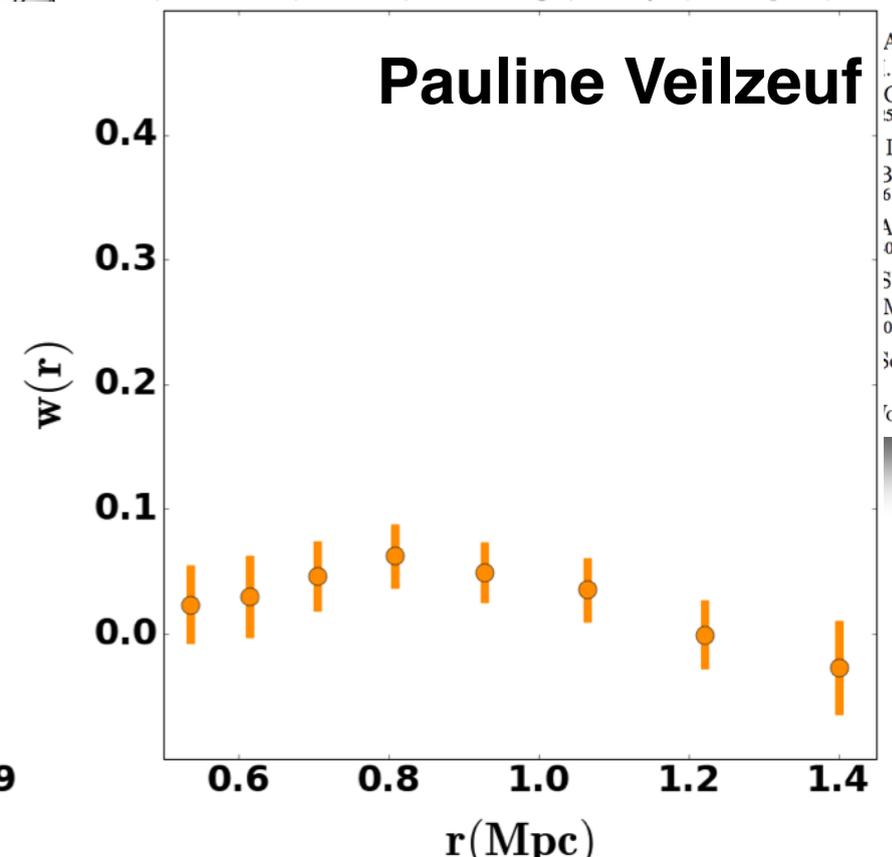
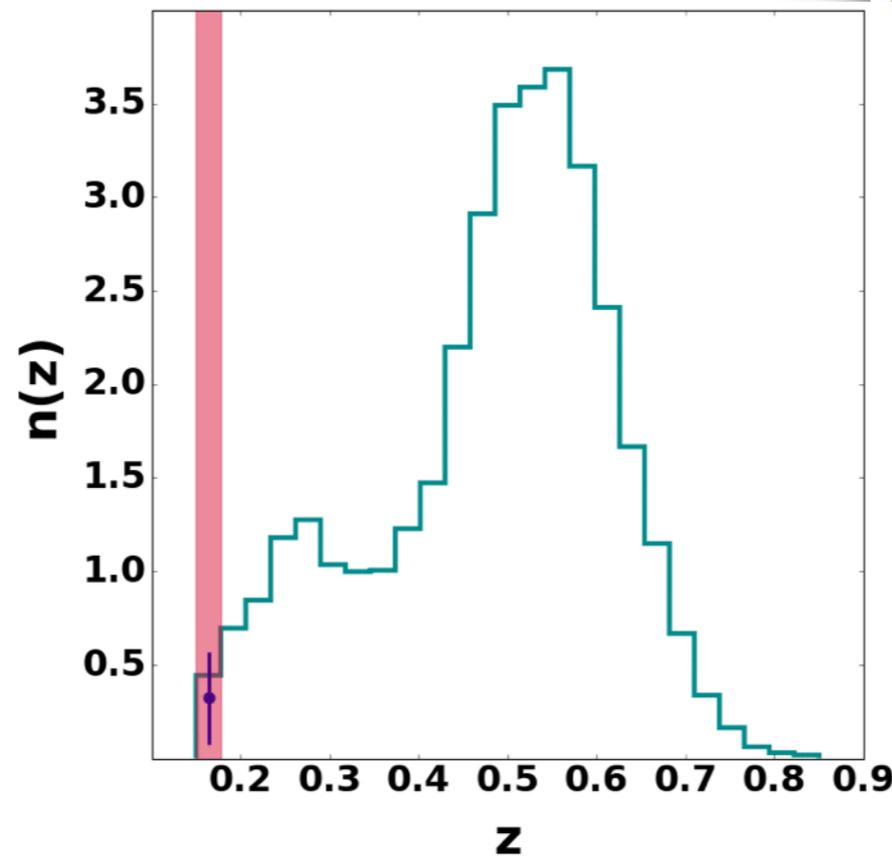
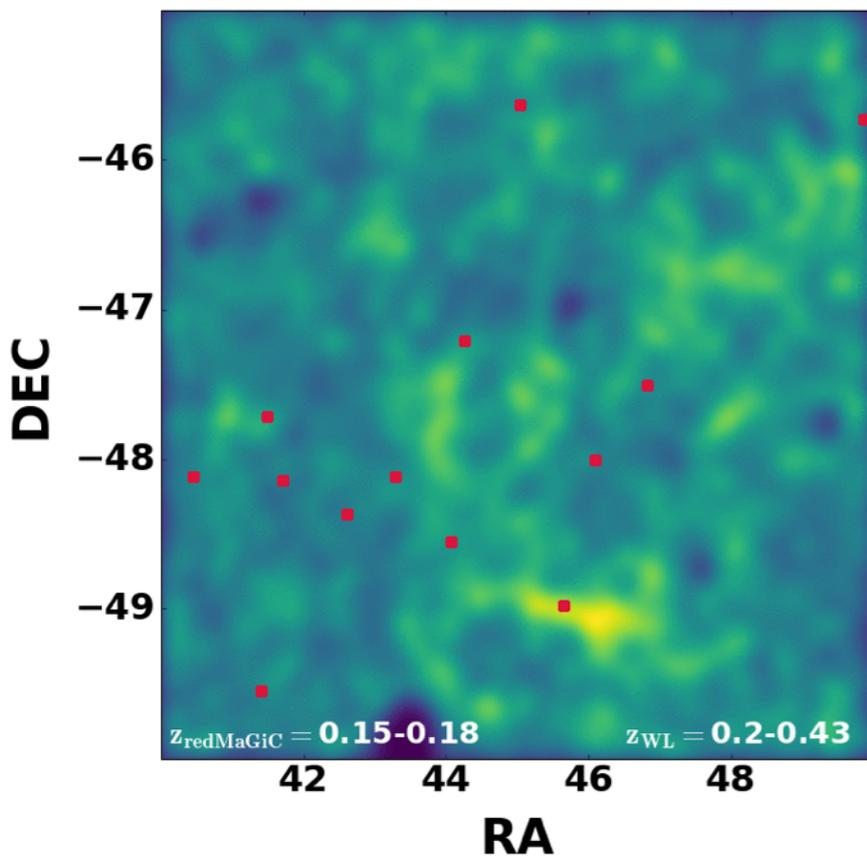
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$z_{\text{redMaGiC}} = 0.15-0.18$   $z_{\text{WL}} = 0.2-0.43$



# Validating photo-z distribution in Y1 Dark Energy Survey

Value	Bin 1	Bin 2	Bin 3	Bin 4
$z^{\text{PZ}}$ range	0.20–0.43	0.43–0.63	0.63–0.90	0.90–1.30
COSMOS final $\Delta z^i$ , tomographic uncertainty	$+0.001 \pm 0.020$	$-0.014 \pm 0.021$	$+0.008 \pm 0.018$	$-0.057 \pm 0.022$
WZ final $\Delta z^i$	$+0.008 \pm 0.026$	$-0.031 \pm 0.017$	$-0.010 \pm 0.014$	—
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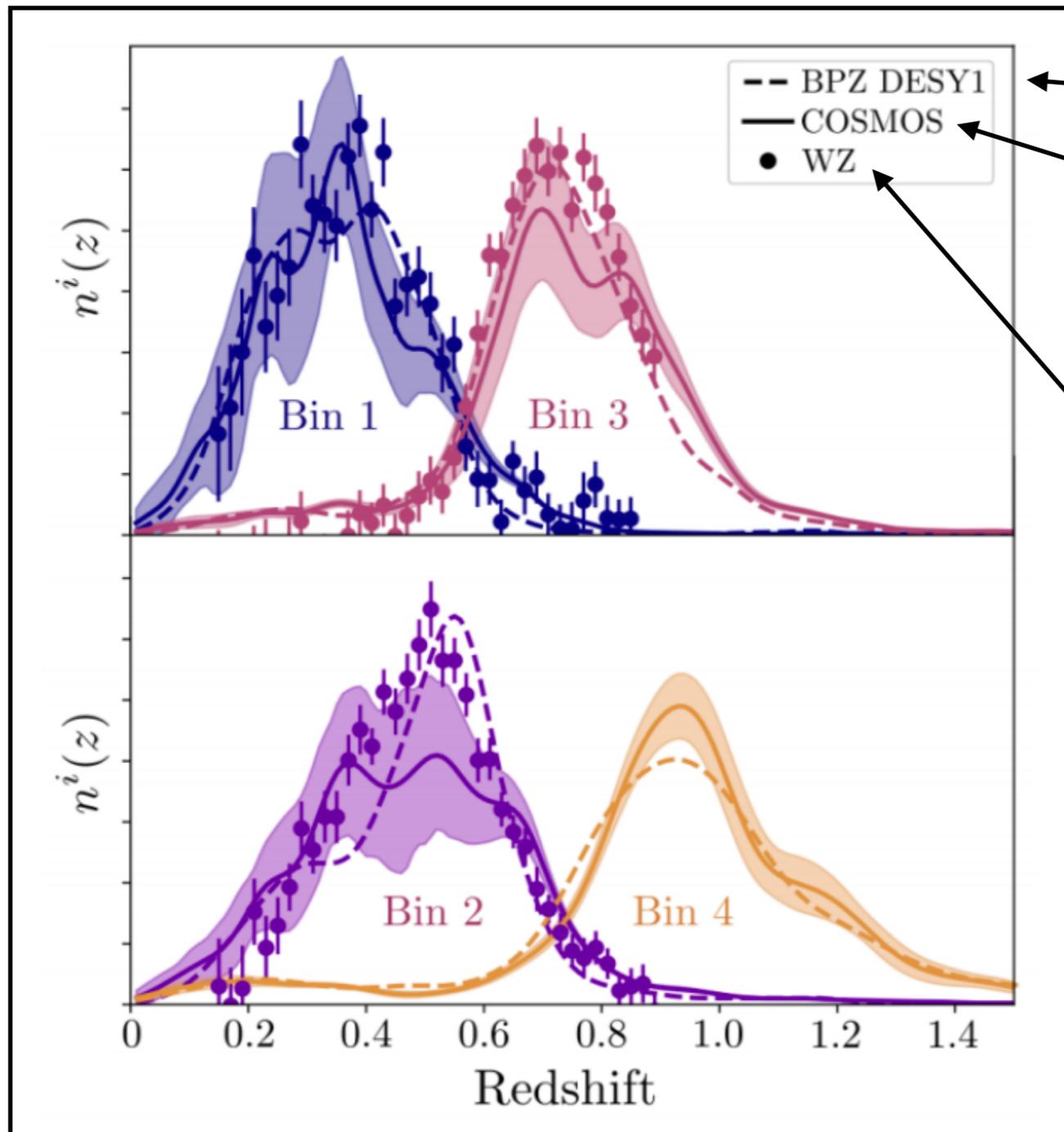
$\Delta_z$  and it's uncertainty

$$\Delta_z = \langle z_{\text{true}} \rangle - \langle z_{\text{photz}} \rangle$$

Photo-z predictions

Method 1:  
Color-redshift mapping using  
30 band photo-z [cosmic variance]

Method 2:  
Estimation of  $dndz$  of a sample  
using the clustering technique  
(i.e, cross correlate with a sample  
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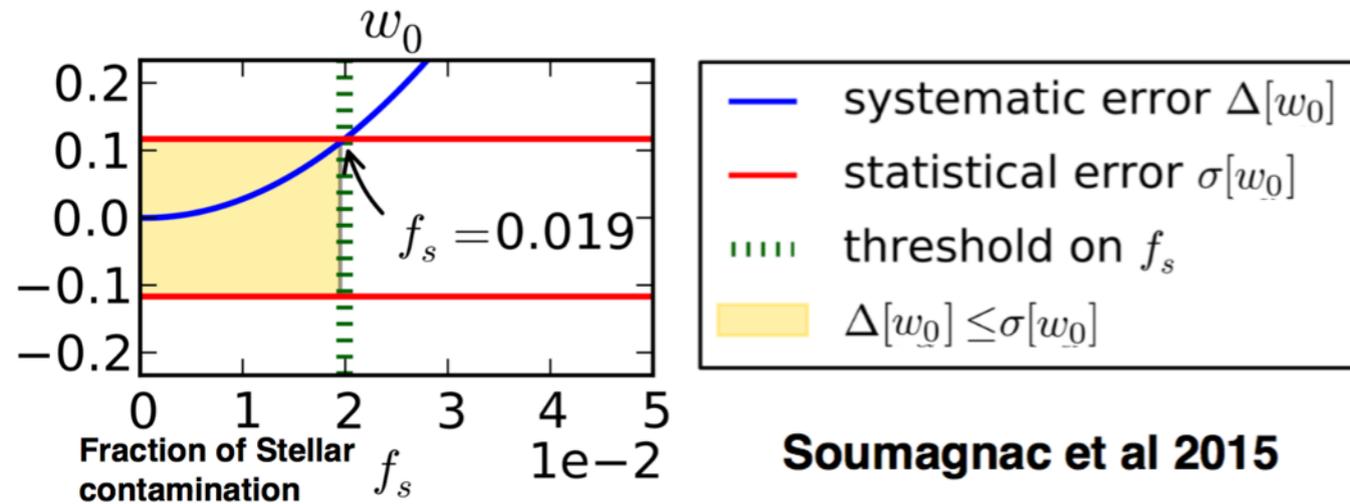
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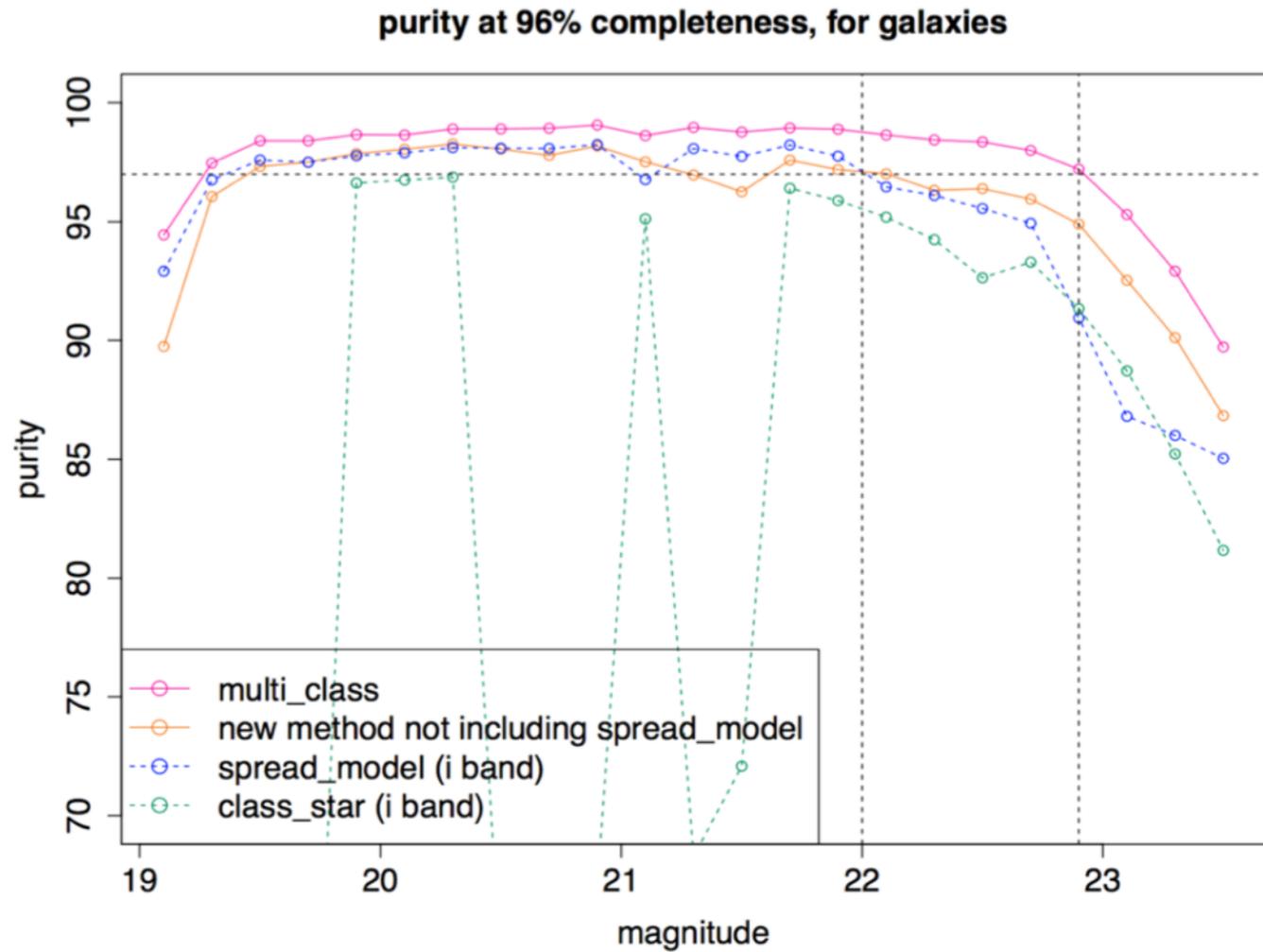
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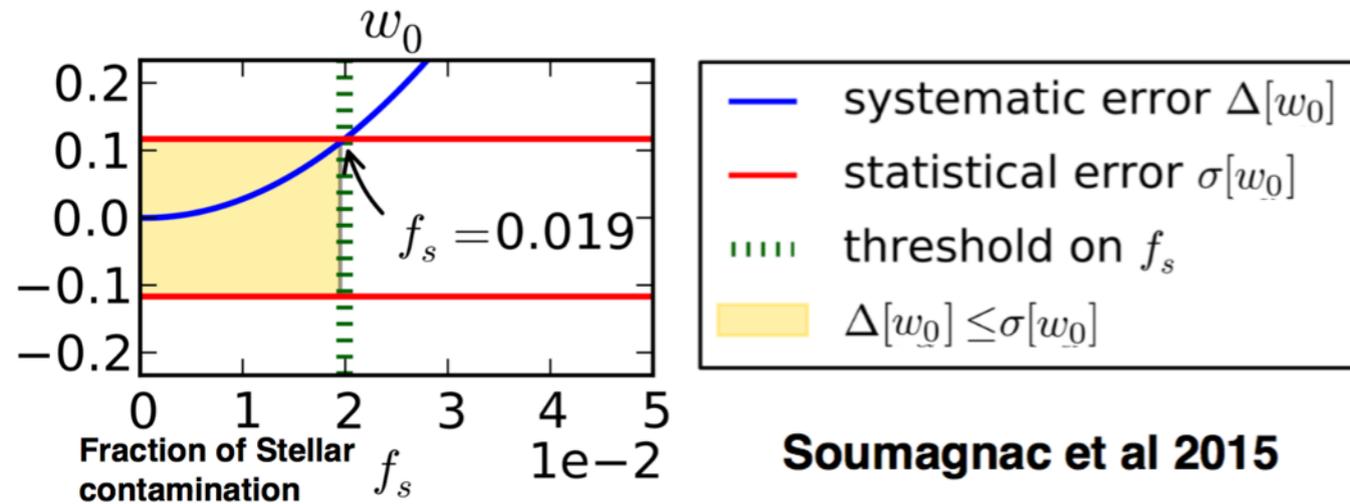


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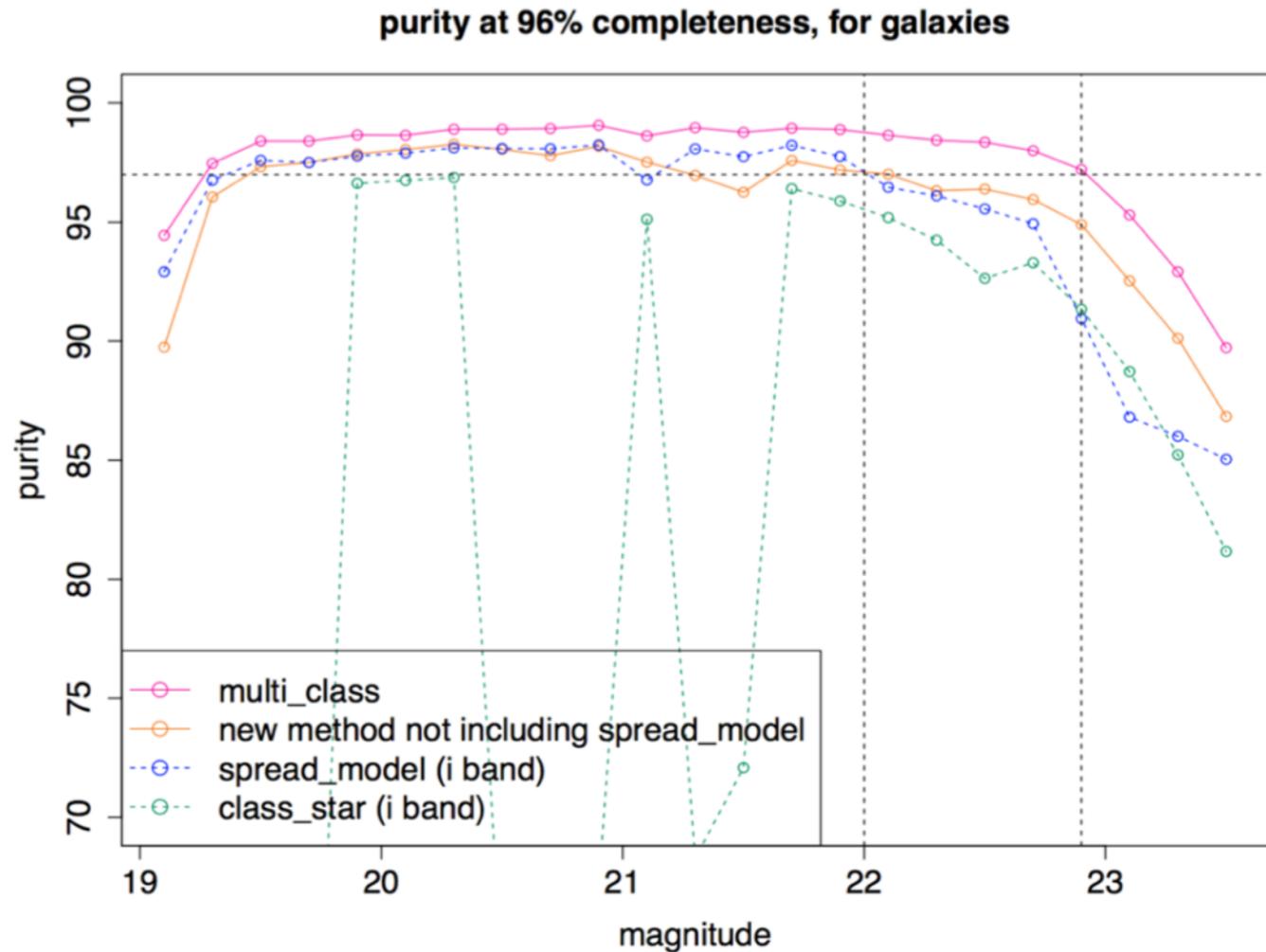


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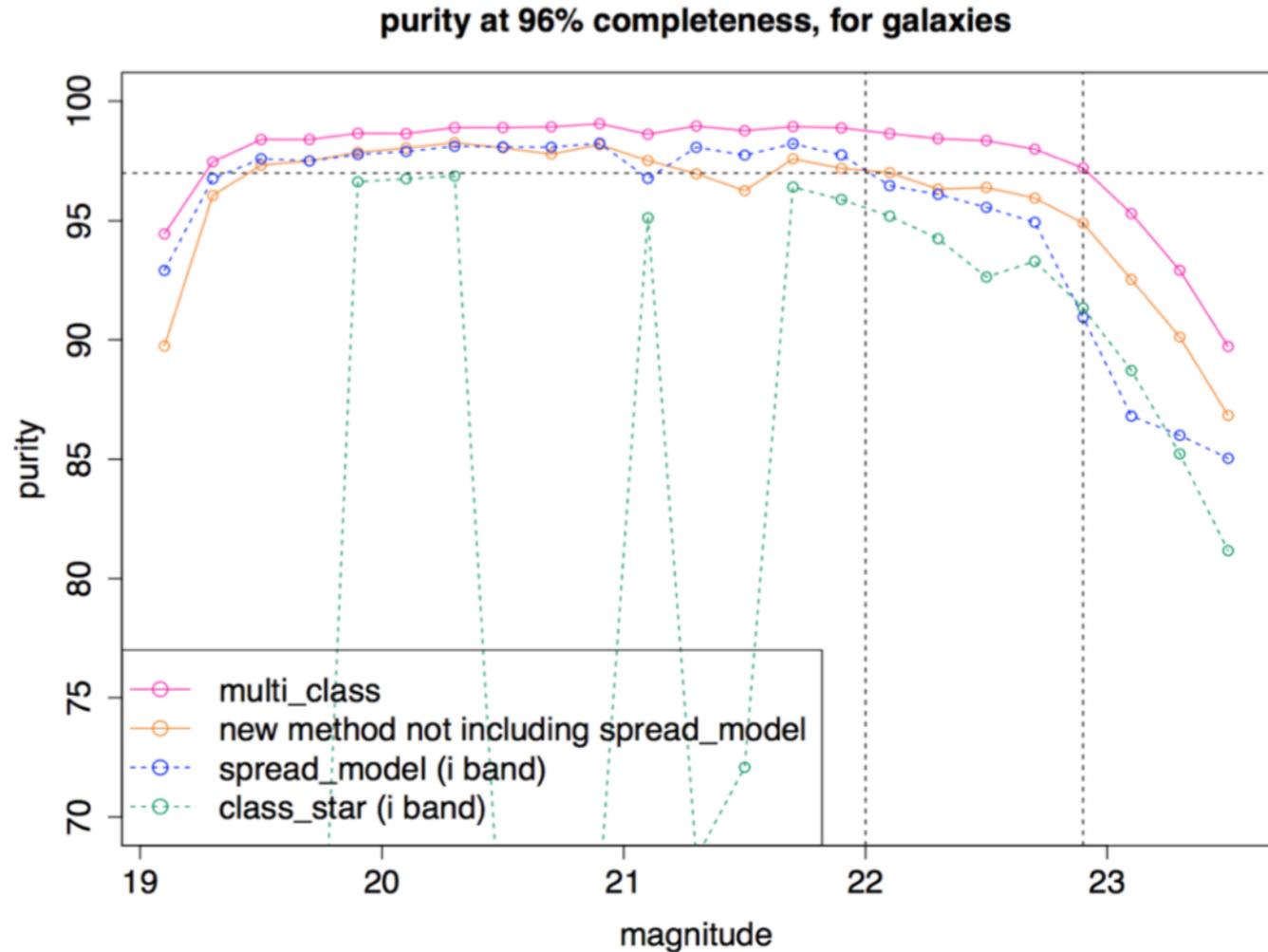
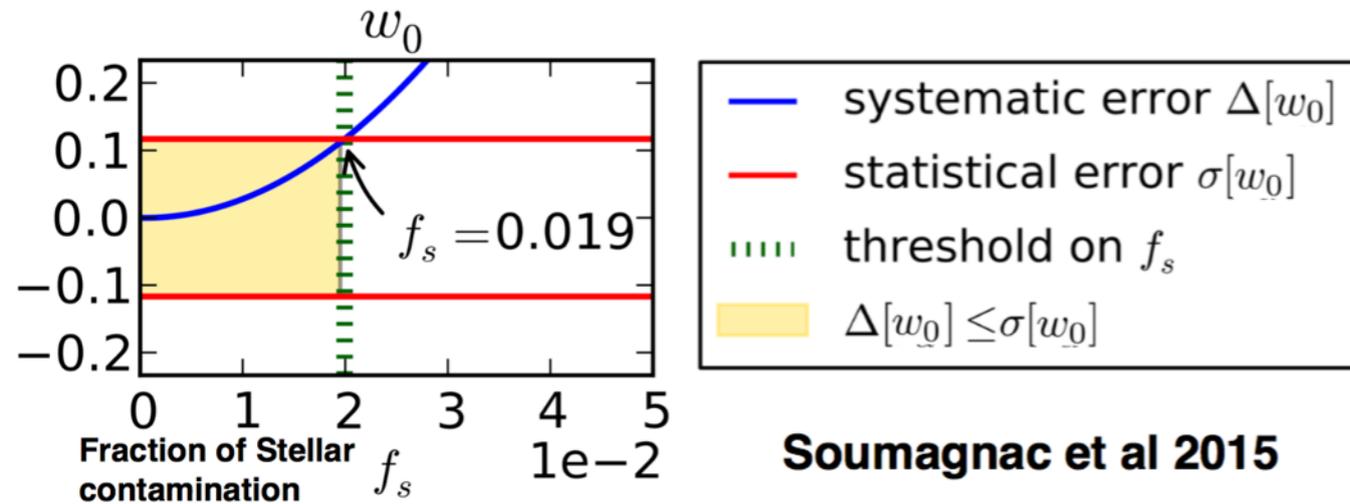
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Moving towards higher order measurements of the predicted signal. e.g. does the number density of stars increase as one approaches the LMC / our Galaxy disk (Nacho Sevilla, BH, DES et al in prep)

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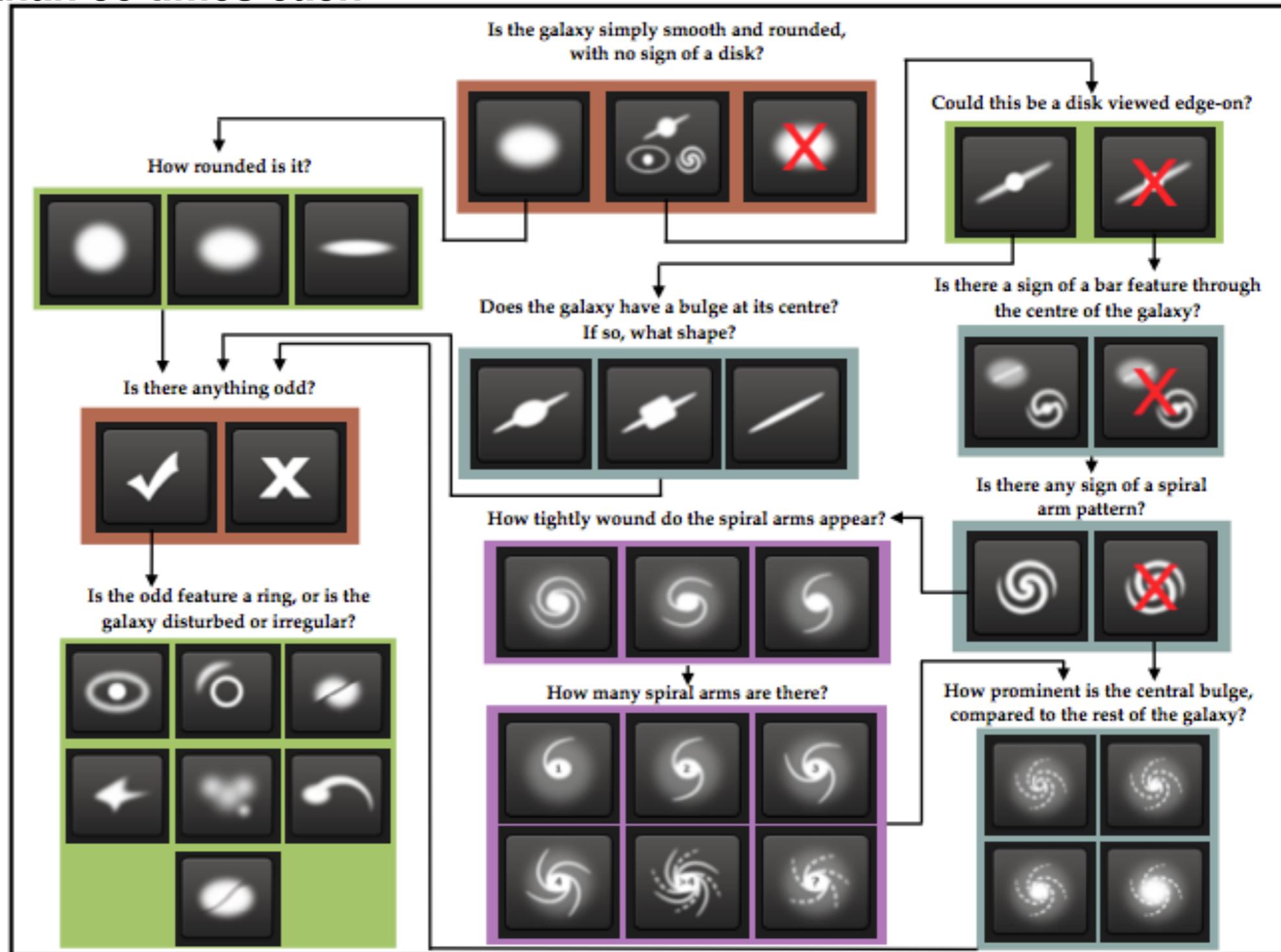


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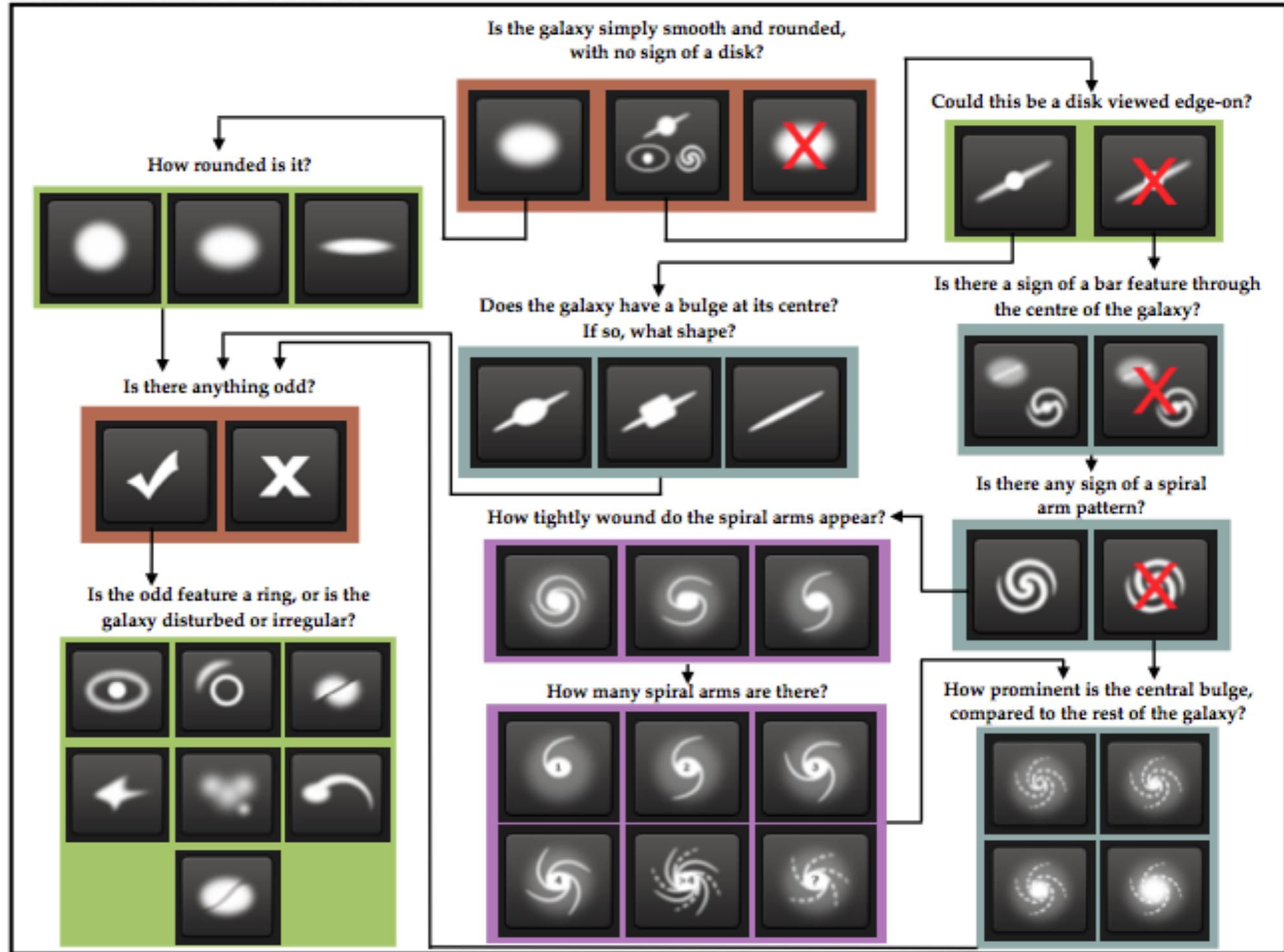


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Could apply results to  
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First application of  
Deep ML with 2d-  
CovNets in  
Astrophysics  
(Dieleman et al 2015)

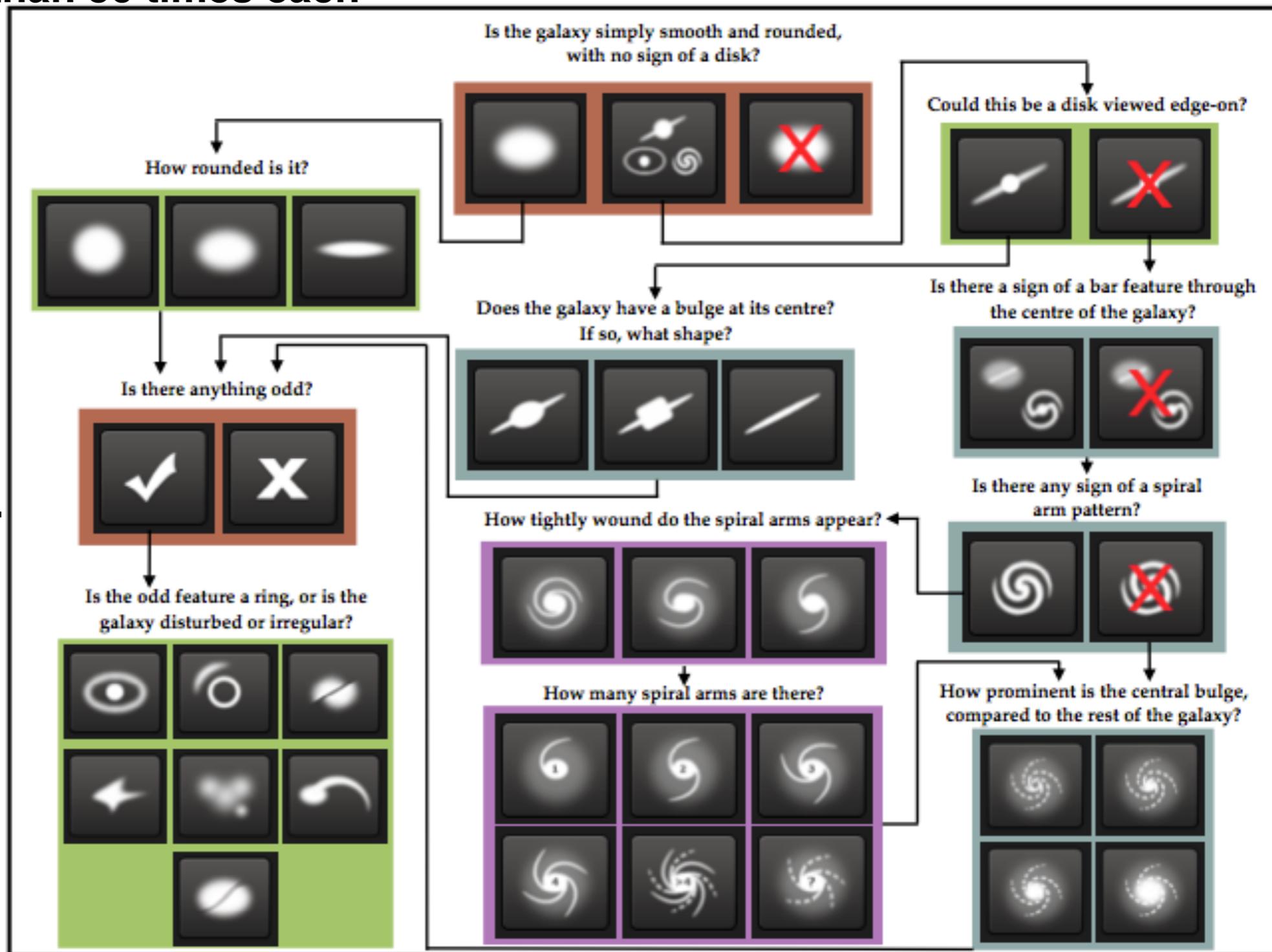


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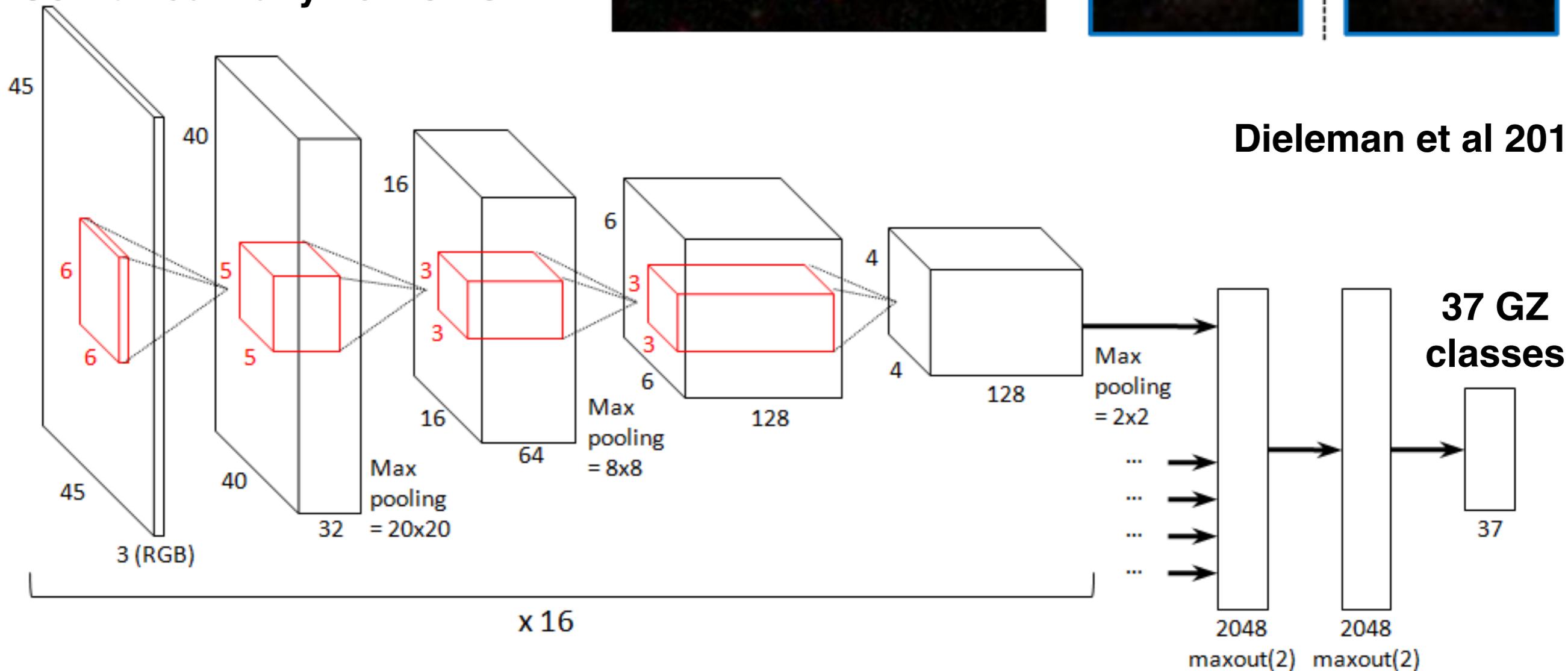
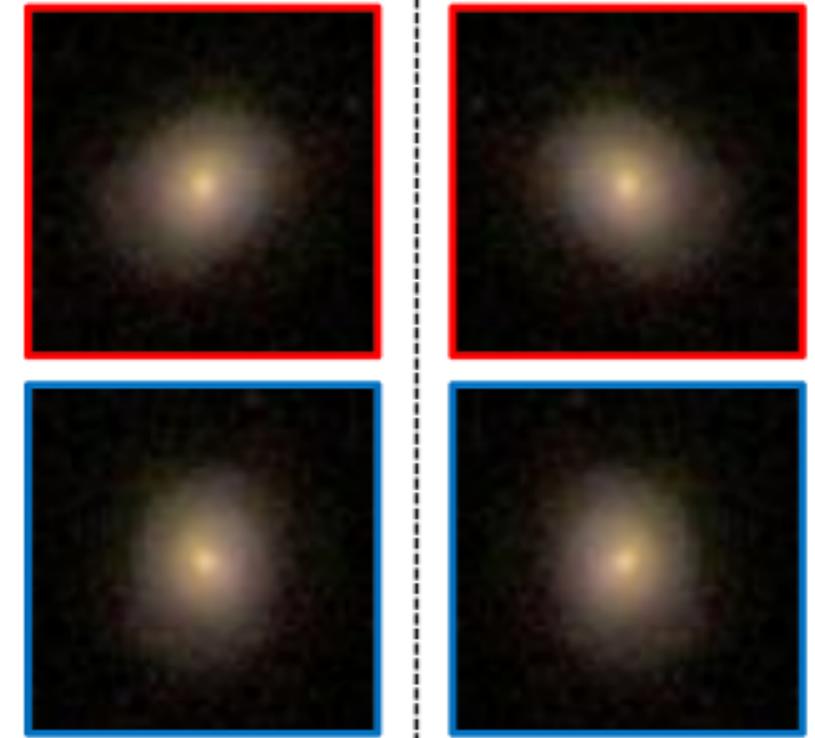
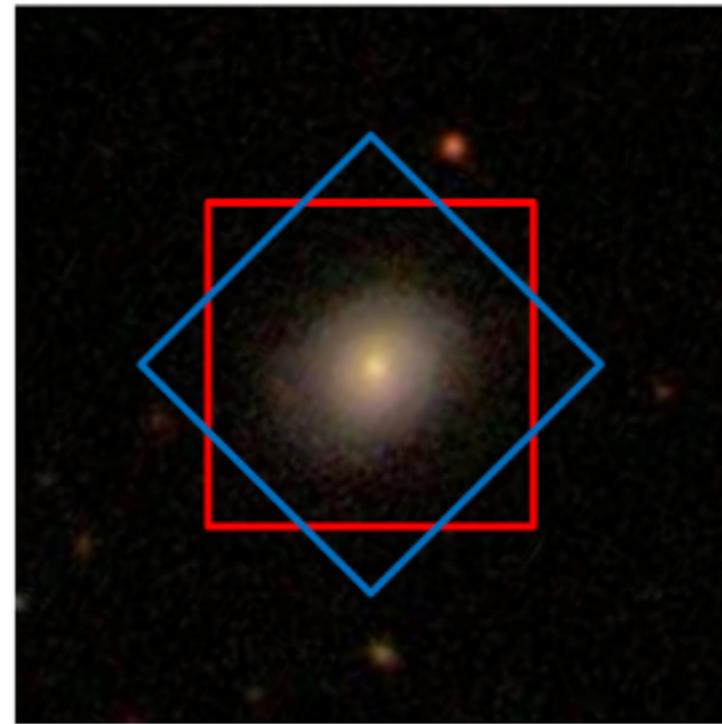
# CNNs for Galaxy Zoo

Extract centre of image  
=> the galaxy,  
rescaled to 45x45 pixels

Data augmentation

Dropout/Max pooling

Combined many networks



# CNNs for redshift estimates

arXiv:1504.07255 [pdf, other]

Measuring photometric redshifts using galaxy images and Deep Neural Networks

Ben Hoyle

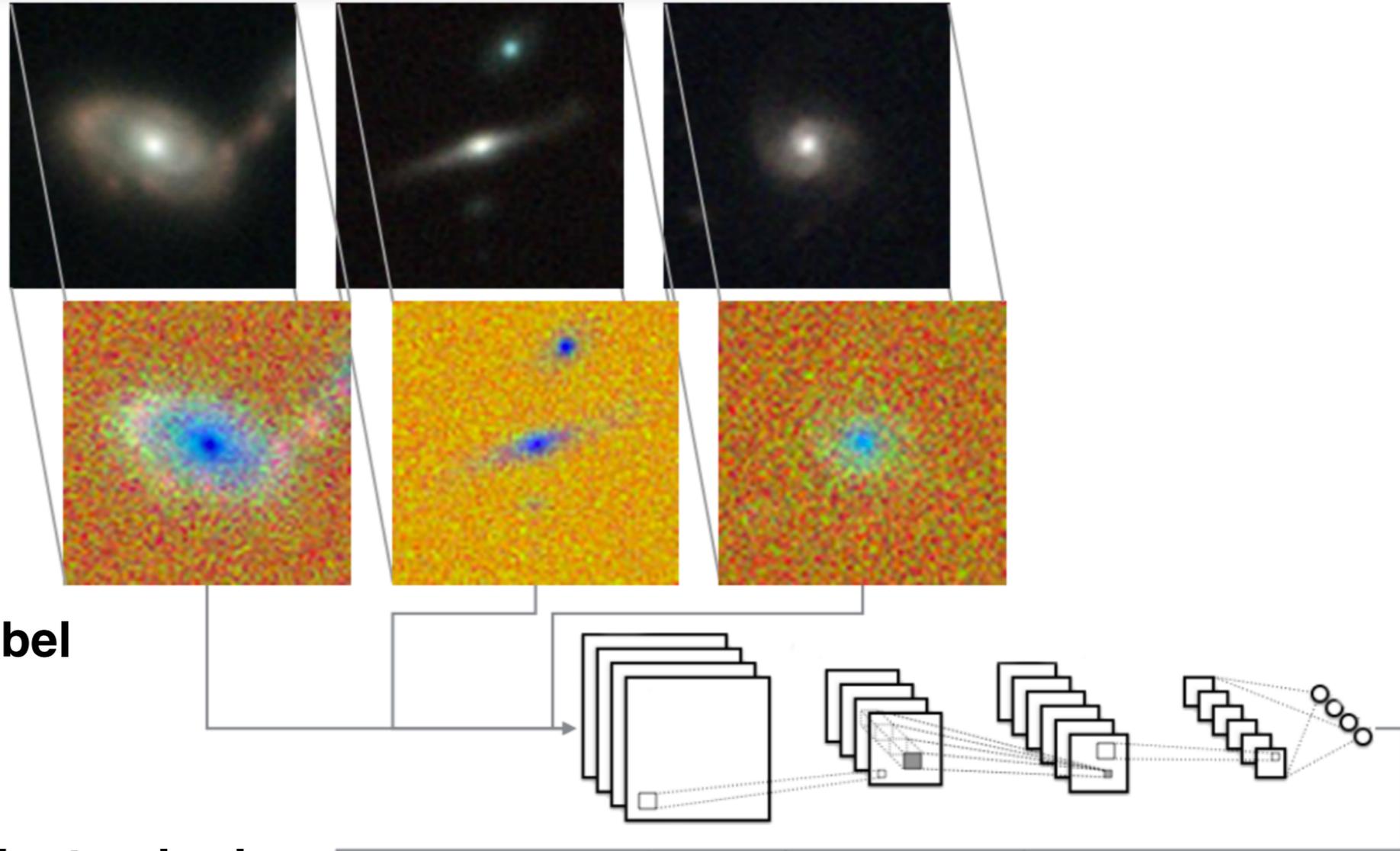
Inputs: galaxy image

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ImageNet architecture

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Targets: spec-z



\*everything about biased label data is still a problem\*

Compared performance with standard ML algorithms, and found parity.

$$|z_1 < z < z_2| z_2 < z < z_3| z_i \leq z < z_{i+1} | z_{n-1} \leq z < z_n|$$

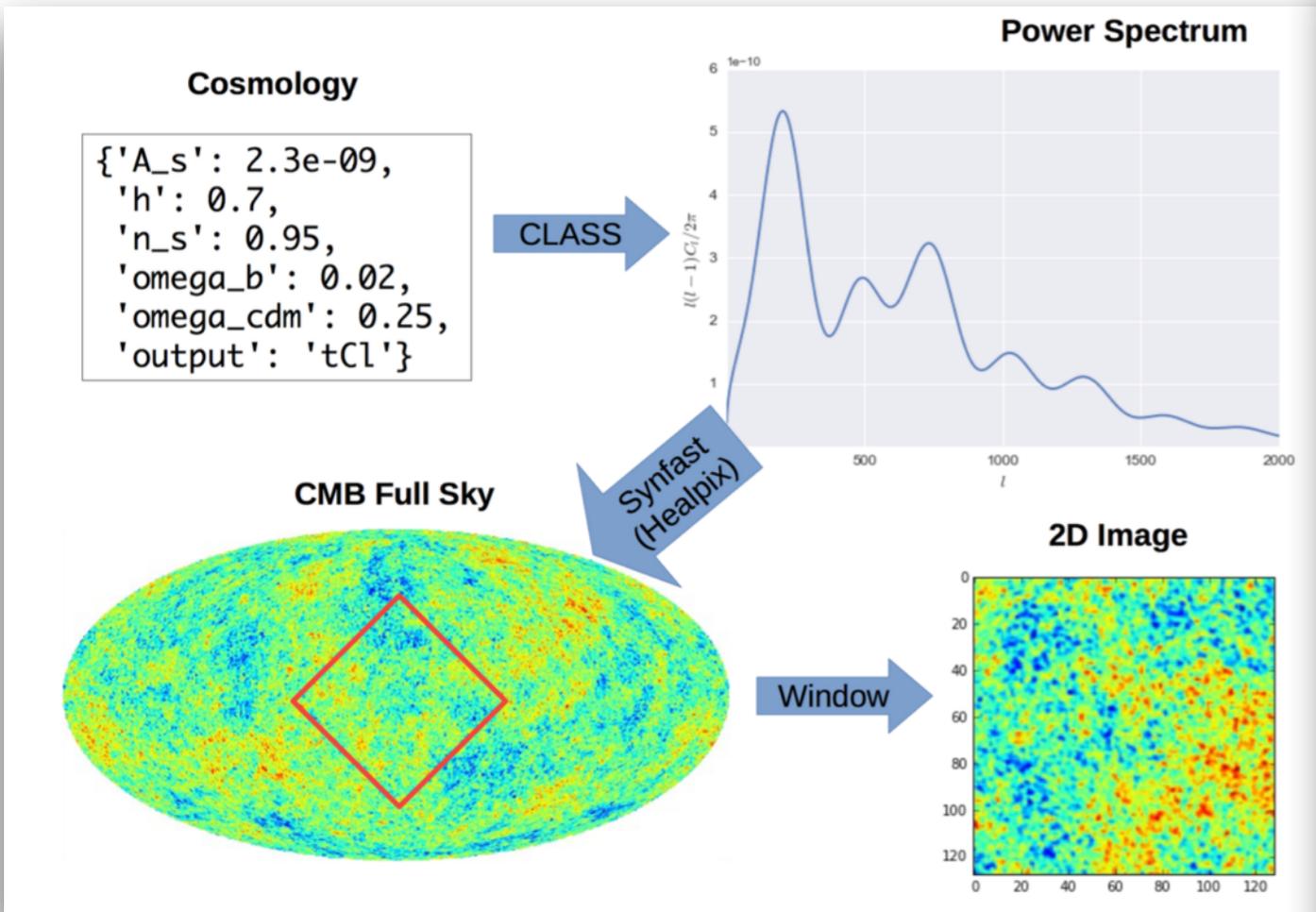
MLA	$\mu$	$\sigma_{68}$	$\sigma_{95}$	$ \Delta  / (1 + z_{spec}) > 0.15$
DNNs	0.00	0.030	0.10	1.71%
AdaBoost	-0.001	0.030	0.10	1.56%

$$\Delta = z_{spec} - z_{predict}$$

# CNNs for Cosmic Microwave Background radiation

## Measuring Cosmological Parameters from Simulated CMB Images with Convolutional Neural Networks

Is there information in the CMB that is not contained in Cls? E.g. Higher order moments, such as non-Gaussianities.



### 2D CNN Configuration

input (128 × 128)
Conv2D (3 × 3) - 16
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maxpool (2 × 2)
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### 1D CNN Configuration

input (16384)
Conv1D (4, <i>Stride</i> 4) - 128
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maxpool (4)
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	$\Delta A_s$	$\Delta \Omega_{\text{CDM}}$	$\Delta A_s^{(\text{single})}$
PolSpice correlation function	$1.45 \cdot 10^{-10}$	0.025	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-11}$
2D CNN	$1.68 \cdot 10^{-10}$	0.0357	$7.19 \cdot 10^{-11}$
1D CNN	$1.91 \cdot 10^{-10}$	0.0437	-

Robert Lohmeyer Master thesis 2017

Supervisor BH

# A random sample of CNN papers

## Spectral classification using convolutional neural networks

<https://arxiv.org> › [cs](#) ▼

by P Hála - 2014 - Cited by 2 - Related articles

Dec 29, 2014 - This thesis is about training a **convolutional neural network** (ConvNet) to ... neural networks and deep learning methods in **astrophysics**.

## Fast Automated Analysis of Strong Gravitational Lenses with Convolutional Neural Networks

[Yashar D. Hezaveh](#), [Laurence Perreault Levasseur](#), [Philip J. Marshall](#)

[arXiv:1704.02744](#) [[pdf](#), [other](#)]

## Finding strong lenses in CFHTLS using convolutional neural networks

[Colin Jacobs](#), [Karl Glazebrook](#), [Thomas Collett](#), [Anupreet More](#), [Christopher McCarthy](#)

Comments: 16 pages, 8 figures. Accepted by MNRAS

Subjects: **Instrumentation and Methods for Astrophysics** (astro-ph.IM); **Astrophysics of Galaxies** (astro-ph)

## A Convolutional Neural Network For Cosmic String Detection in CMB Temperature Maps

[Razvan Ciuca](#), [Oscar F. Hernández](#), [Michael Wolman](#)

*(Submitted on 29 Aug 2017)*

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# Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

**Generative:**

**Deep ML NN1: Input (random noise) vector -> output something / image**

**Adversarial:**

**Deep ML NN2: distinguish examples of training data examples from non-training data, e.g. that obtained from NN1**

**Networks:**

**Deep ML Convolution Neural Networks.**

**As training proceeds, NN1 generates more and more realistic “examples” from a random noise vector, and NN2 get better and better at distinguishing training data, from everything else, e.g that generated by NN1.**

**The problem with GANs:**

**Mode collapse. Difficult learning —> Wasserstein GAN.**

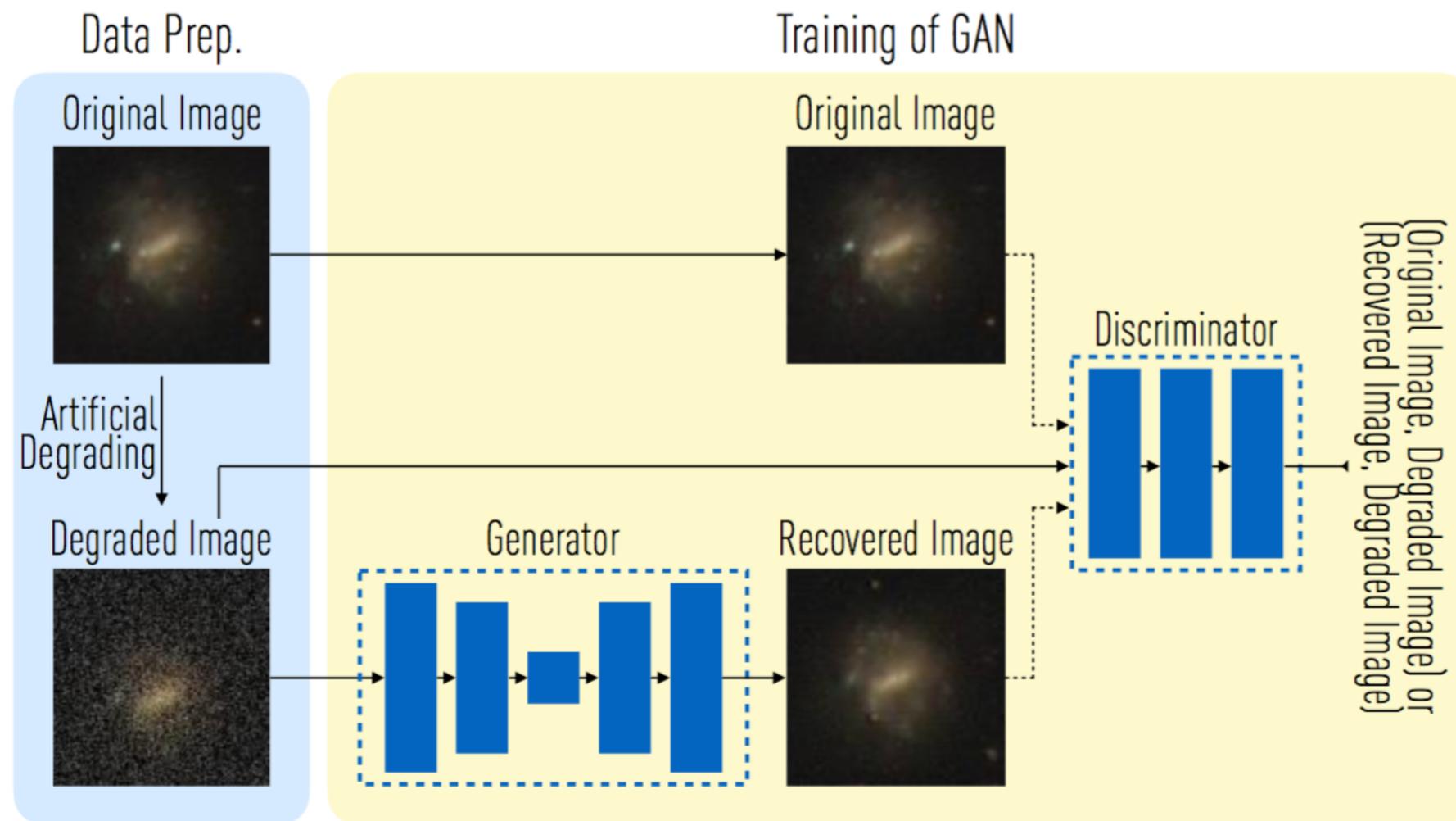
**<https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.07875>**

**[https://github.com/bobchennan/Wasserstein-GAN-Keras/blob/master/mnist\\_wacgan.py](https://github.com/bobchennan/Wasserstein-GAN-Keras/blob/master/mnist_wacgan.py)**  
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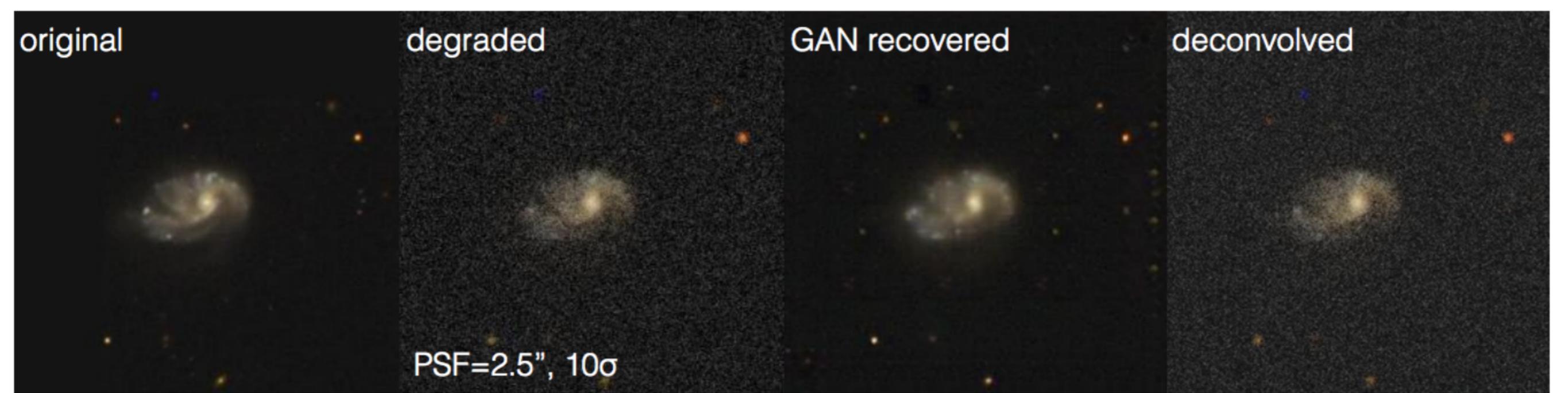
# Recent GAN applications

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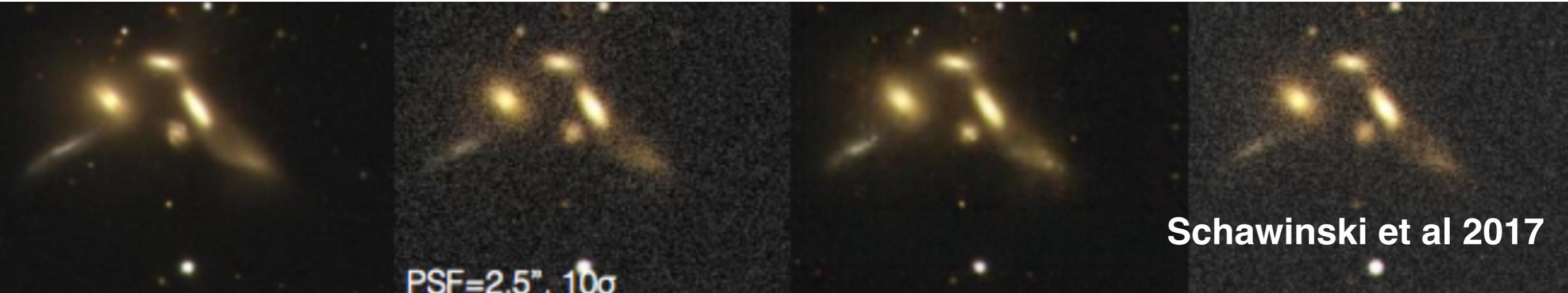
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**Figure 1.** Schematic illustration of the training process of our method. The input is a set of original images. From these we automatically generate degraded images, and train a Generative Adversarial Network. In the testing phase, only the generator will be used to recover images.



**Figure 2.** We show the results obtained for one example galaxy. From left to right: the original SDSS image, the degraded image with a worse PSF and higher noise level (indicating the PSF and noise level used), the image as recovered by the GAN, and for comparison, the result of a deconvolution. This figure visually illustrates the GAN's ability to recover features which conventional deconvolutions cannot.



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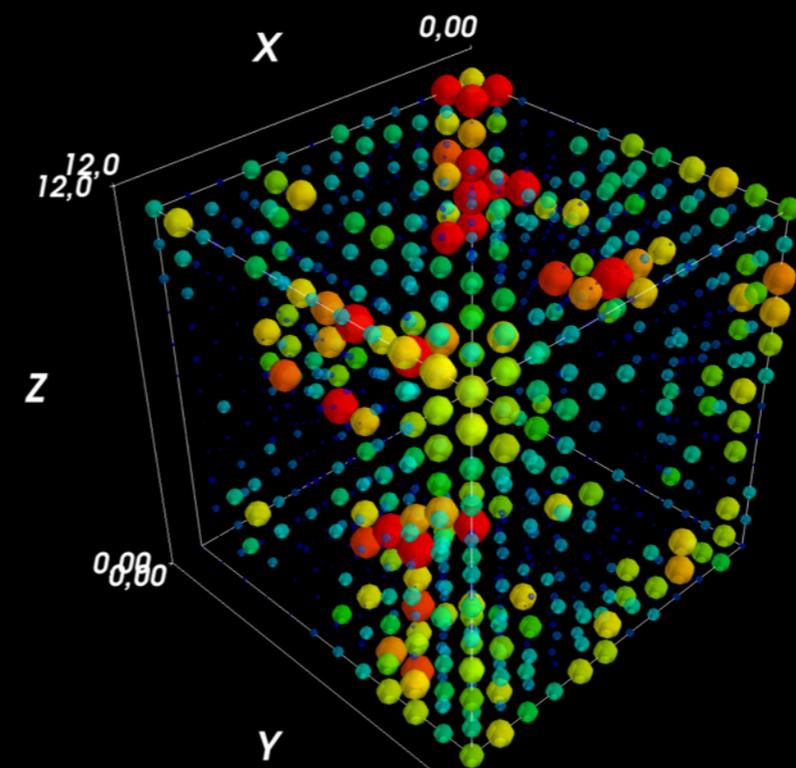
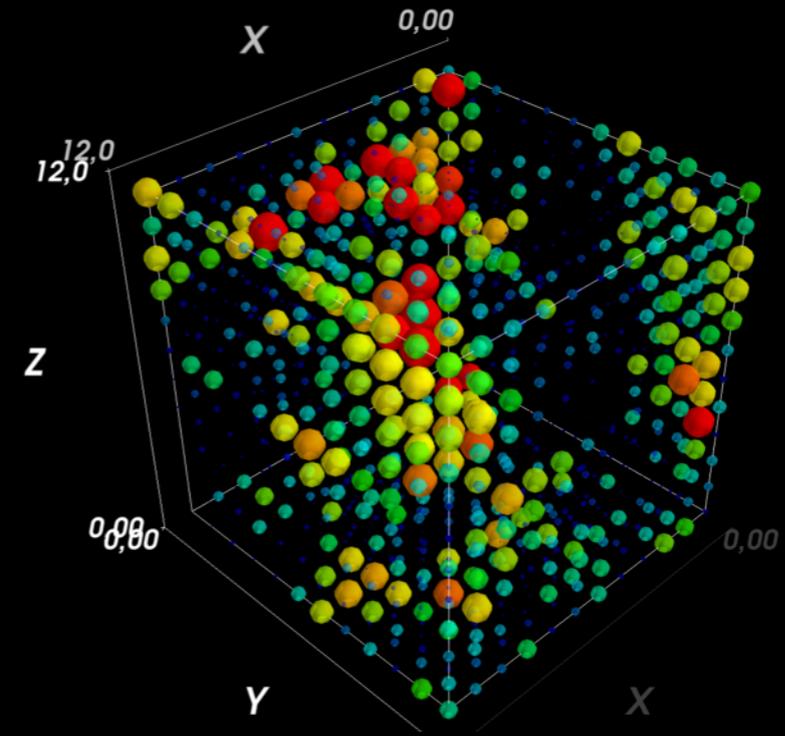
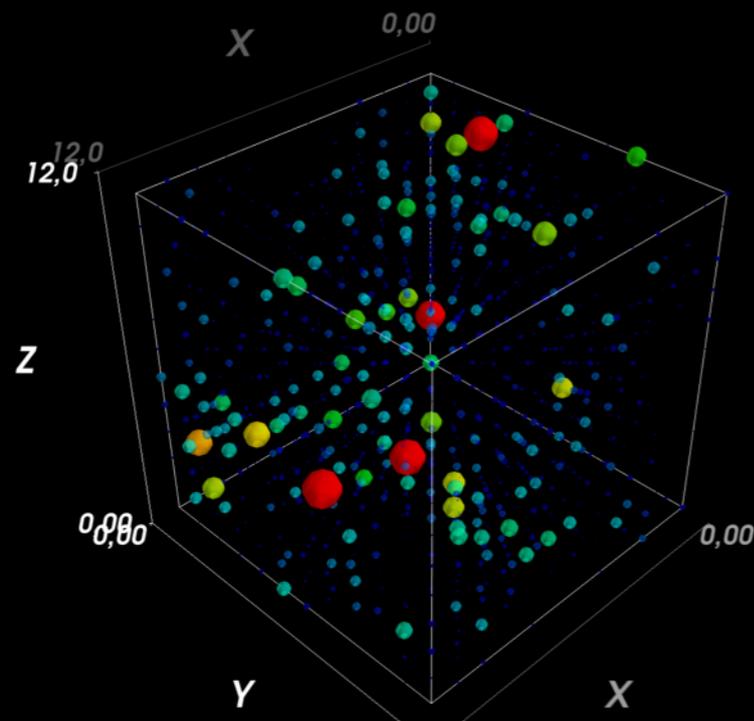
**Getting “labels” for the science sample data one cares about, is very challenging.**

**Again, move towards higher order measurements of the predicted signal:**

**E.g. does gas predicted to exist in some part of the galaxy/disk give off radiation which can be observed in other bands?**

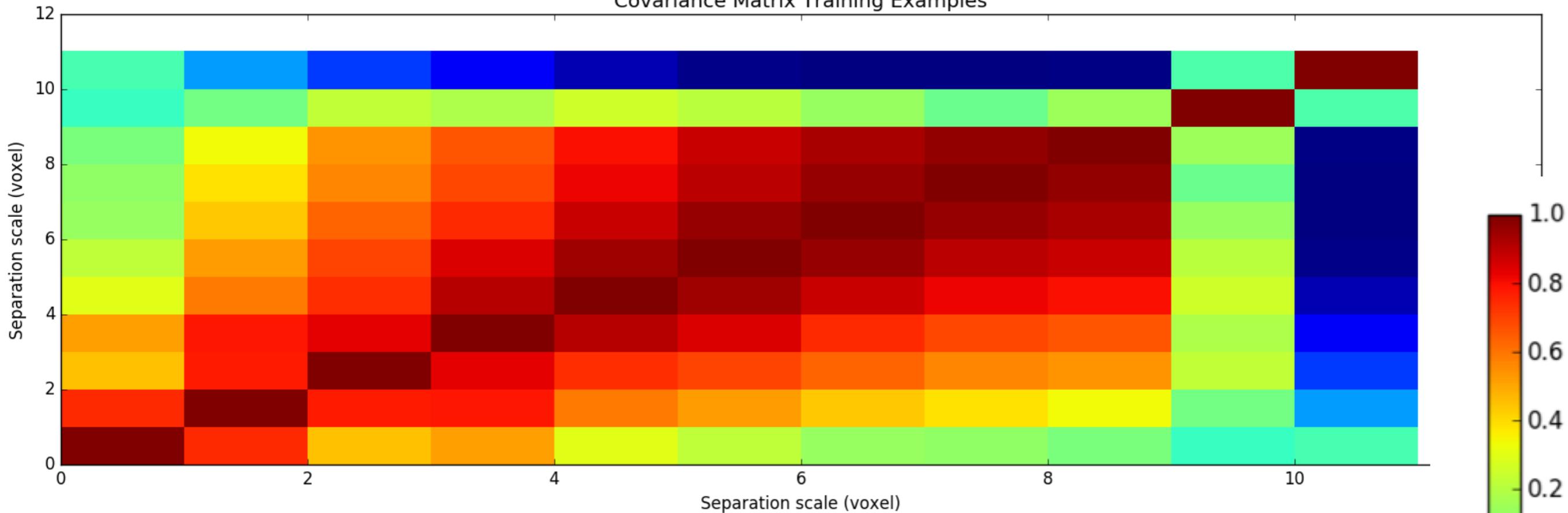
# GANs to generate a realisation of a Dark-Matter N-body simulation.

In essence we replace a very computationally expensive Nbody simulation code, like Gadget, with a Deep 3-d CovNet  
—ongoing work with Julien Wolf

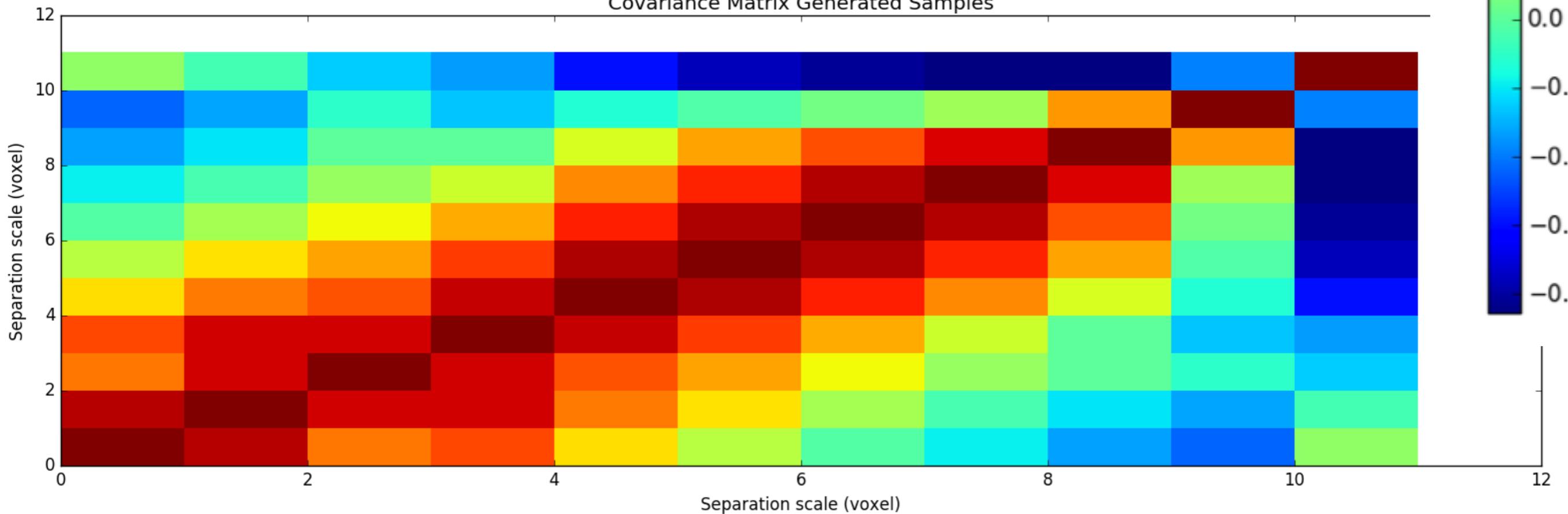


If we want to measure covariance matrices for correlation functions to estimate BAOs, we have to call Gadget many 100's - 1000s of times.

Covariance Matrix Training Examples



Covariance Matrix Generated Samples



**Julien Wolf (USM) Master Student**

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# **New Algorithms for ML / applied to astrophysics**

**Random forests / Decision tree based methods — with MINT (He et al 2013) feature selection.**

## **Algorithm Novelty:**

**Grow a decision tree, but rather than randomly selecting from the input features (X), we can use both the “shape of X on the science sample” and the shape of X in the labelled data, as a guide to selecting which features the tree should choose. Mutual information defines the correlations (or “shapes”).**

**Applicable if we have many 1000’s of input features, which may be correlated, and the labelled data may have different input feature correlations from the unlabelled data.**

**Suryarao has working code on git-hub, and some very nice preliminary results on test data. We will move to real-world data soon.**

**Work in advanced progress with Suryarao Bethapudi.**

# Summary/Conclusions

## **Accessing new / existing data**

**Cosmology is in the realm of “big data”; 100’s millions/ billions of galaxies are being observed: SDSS/DES/LSST/Euclid/LOFAR/SKA. Millions have target values.**

**Many possibilities of applying machine learning in new and interesting ways.**

**Some cosmological analysis is in a state of crisis:**

**Unrepresentative labelled data means we need new ideas, and potentially new algorithms.**

**Higher order measurements of predictions is one way to proceed.**

**Cutting edge algorithms being implemented in astrophysics/cosmology**

**Deep ML: CNNs / GANs.**

**New algorithms being developed for ML, and ML in astrophysics/cosmology.**

# Photometric and spectroscopic redshifts

A spectrograph has a high wavelength resolution, allowing the ID of absorption/emission lines, each with a “fingerprint”. Compare to the wavelength of these fingerprints measured in the lab, and  $\lambda$  shift = redshift. — spec-z is expensive.

If instead we measure the spectrum in broader photometric filters, we convolve the true spectrum with the filter, and get one measurement per filter. One needs strong absorption features. — photo-z is cheap

